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Set up by 3rd summit

Jakarta meeting to discuss \$3b fund

By Farouk Luqman

SE JEDDAH, March 21 — The issue of the \$3 billion fund, set up by the recent Islamic summit conference in Taif, will be one of the items on the agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the Islamic Commission for Economic and Cultural Affairs to be held in Jakarta at the end of the month. Official sources of the Organization of Islamic Conference said, however, the commission was not likely to decide on the issue as it is big enough to be left for the next meeting of the Islamic foreign ministers to be held in May, although its venue has not been formally agreed on.

Contrary to foreign press reports, officials of the OIC and the Islamic Development Bank said there was no conflict between them over handling of the fund — the largest ever allocated by the Islamic states, nevertheless, since the money was allocated by the summit held under the aegis of the OIC, it might well be controlled by it. The IDB, on the other hand, has the banking machinery to act as conduit for its dis-

Lebanon deploys army

France contacts PLO

BEIRUT, March 21 (R) — An emissary of French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing visited Lebanon secretly last Monday to deliver a message to Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat, the Beirut daily *Al-Liwa* reported Tuesday.

The report named the envoy as Alain Mayo, described as the deputy leader of Giscard's parliamentary bloc. Mayo stressed he is doing his utmost to ensure France's recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), but asked for time to achieve this, the paper said.

Asked to comment on the report, a French embassy spokesman here said: "I don't know if it is true or not. I think it was an unofficial if there was a visit. It was not through the embassy." A Palestinian spokesman declined to confirm or deny the report.

The paper said the message had been sent to the European Common Market (EC) initiative on the Middle East. The meeting was part of increasing contacts between the PLO and the EC. Arab diplomatic sources in London said recently, they expect a meeting between Arafat and British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington when takes over as president of the EC Council of Ministers this summer.

Meanwhile, a platoon from Lebanon's built regular army was redeployed with the peacekeeping forces close to the border of Israeli-backed rightist Christian militia in southern Lebanon, the Lebanese radio reported.

The presence of a 30-man regular platoon in the southern village of Kantara provoked a fierce barrage of artillery and tank fire on UNIFIL — killing three Nigerian troops of U.N. interim force in Lebanon. The U.N. Security Council said it was "deeply shocked" and outraged by the attack and called in a statement issued early Friday for the operation of all parties with the 6,000-man force from nine countries "to enable it to carry out its mandate in the entire area of operations up to the internationally recognized boundaries."

Beirut broadcast said the "redeployment" of the regular contingent was part of orders by the UNIFIL command and the

sports contract signed

RIYADH, March 21 (SPA) — Youth Welfare Prince Faisal ibn Fahd signed SR 178.7 million contract for building of Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee's sports complex Saturday. The contract was awarded to an international company. The project will be located in Riyadh and will be completed within 24 months. The complex comprises offices for the Olympic Committee and the other sports unions.



bursement. The OIC has a small emergency fund to help members in distress, but lacks banking facilities to handle such a huge sum.

The fund was proposed by Crown Prince Fahd in his opening address to the heads of state in the Holy Mosque in Mecca. He pledged \$1 billion on behalf of the Kingdom. Other Gulf states agreed to contribute another \$1 billion and the balance is expected to come from other member states.

The IDB, reportedly, is eager to process the fund as it would raise its resources from \$2 billion to \$5 billion, making it one of the fastest growing aid-lending agencies in the world. It charges no interest, but shares in the equity and profits of the projects it finances.

The proposal to set up an Islamic bank was made by King Faisal. The IDB was set up in 1974 with 22 members — today its membership has risen 42. Islamic Dinar, which its unit of account is equivalent to the Special Drawing Right of the International Monetary Fund.

Meanwhile, Qaddafi has called for an Arab summit to deal with what he called Sudan's unilateral decision to fully restore diplomatic relations with Egypt, the mass-circulation *Akhbar El Yom* reported in Cairo Saturday.

Qaddafi made the call in messages to leaders of Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and North Yemen, the paper said in an undated report by its editor-in-chief.

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Peronist movement shocked

Isabel Peron given 8-year sentence

BUENOS AIRES, March 21 (AP) — A federal judge has convicted former President Isabel Peron on the two corruption charges pending against her and handed down an eight-year prison term.

The ruling Friday means that the widow and political heir of Gen. Juan Peron, imprisoned since he overthrew in 1976, will be ineligible for judicial parole for four more months, when she completes two-thirds of the sentence. The sentence, two years less than the maximum, shocked Argentina's powerful Peronist movement, which had been assured privately by the military regime that Mrs. Peron could end her long period of house arrest this weekend.

"The freedom we expected today or tomorrow for Mrs. Peron seems impossible because of the severity of the penalty," said former Peronist legislator Juan Labake, "not only because she is innocent but because it does not allow for her immediate release."

However, other Peronist sources did not rule out a government pardon for Mrs. Peron before President Jorge Videla, who led the coup against her, turns over power March 29 to his designated successor, Gen. Roberto Viola.

Government security agents escorted Mrs. Peron, 50, to a downtown courthouse to sign the sentence imposed by Judge Norberto Giggita. She wore sunglasses, a brown skirt and a brown print jacket for her first appearance in public since her arrest. Then they chauffeured her back to her late husband's weekend retreat at San Vicente, 56 kms from here, where she has been under house arrest since August 1976 after being held at two different military installations.

Judge Giggita found Mrs. Peron guilty of diverting \$1 million intended for flood victims into her private bank account and signing a \$700,000 check for a charity fund into the account while she was president. Last month, another judge acquitted her of misappropriating presidential reserve funds during her 21 months in office, and last year she was

Egypt, Sudan restore full ties

CAIRO, March 21 (R) — Egypt and Sudan announced the restoration of full diplomatic relations and the Egyptian foreign ministry said the two countries' ambassadors would take up their posts shortly.

Sudan withdrew its ambassador from Cairo in November 1979 to show its disapproval of Egypt's peace treaty with Israel. Egypt also recalled its ambassador from Khartoum. Saturday's announcement set the seal on recent close cooperation between the two neighbors, including a pledge by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to send troops to help defend Sudan against any Libyan attack.

Egypt and Sudan, bound by a mutual defense pact, have denounced Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi's military intervention in Chad which they consider a threat to other African countries' security.

The Egyptian Foreign Ministry said it had approved the nomination of Abdul-Rahman Nasr, a politician, as Sudan's ambassador in Cairo. Sudan had approved the nomination of Ezzat Abdul-Latif, director of the foreign ministry's Palestine department, as the Egyptian ambassador in Khartoum, the ministry said.

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Disease survey to be drawn up

Jizan hospital to open

JIZAN, March 21 (SPA) — A medical team will arrive here within a week to prepare Jizan's new hospital for its opening in about three weeks. Representatives of the Danish company in charge of operation and maintenance already arrived.

More than 30 housing units have been readied for the hospital's personnel. They will be handed over after two months as a first installment. The rest will follow at the beginning of next year, Dr. Abdul Rahman Aqueek, director of health affairs for the Southern Province said Wednesday.

The official said that nine new clinics are planned in the province and will be operative within a few months. Moreover, SR15 million has been allocated for the renovation of hospitals in Assir, Abha, Khamis Mushait, Besha, Southern Nijran, and Hail and furnishing and equipping them. A committee will be set up in the province to evaluate the condition of health services and look over the hospitals. The area also will be sprayed soon to eradicate contagious disease.

Meanwhile, the Eastern Province Environmental Health Committee met here under the area's director of health affairs, Abdul Rahman Al-Shuhayyel, and awarded a SR1,041,000 contract to a national company. The contract calls for connecting a number of houses on Tarut Island to the drinking water network.

In another development, an agreement was reached between the Mecca-based Muslim World League and the Bangladesh government to create four medical units in the camps of Biharis in Bangladesh.

The league's secretary general, Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, said that he

confered with Bangladeshi officials and Bihari leaders during a recent visit to Bangladesh. The Biharis wish to live in Pakistan as they used to before the Indo-Pakistani war which led to the creation of Bangladesh.

Sheikh Muhammad denounced the acts committed by certain elements who infiltrated into the Bihari's camps trying to exploit the difficult conditions in which they live. The Sheikh gave 2.5 million Bangladeshi takas on behalf of the World Supreme Council of Mosques to the local mosques council in Dacca from the fund offered to the supreme council by King Khaled.

In Jeddah, the Sixth Saudi Medical Congress recommended Wednesday that a comprehensive survey be compiled of the most popular diseases in Saudi Arabia. At the end of four days of deliberations, the congress felt that a data bank regarding such diseases was necessary for reference use.

The congress recommended the establishment of a national institute for malignant tumors and for medical teaching in Saudi Arabia to be encouraged and pursued. It called for coordination between the Kingdom's faculties of medicine and other departments concerned with health. Doctors should be encouraged to reach the highest qualifications and there must be integrated medical teams in Saudi Arabia, the congress decided.

A committee will be set up to examine the results of the congress and apply them to check the spread of diseases caused by microbes in Saudi Arabia. The congress also recommended coordination between medical authorities and the mass media to promote health awareness. The seminar said that



MEDICAL CONGRESS: Doctors and authorities on health concluded meetings Wednesday. The King Abdul Aziz University-sponsored meetings which focused on health problems within the Kingdom and the Middle East.

translation of medical works should be encouraged.

It also called for a concerted effort to foster and set up research centers to deal with diseases widely spread in Saudi Arabia by using the most advanced methods.

Later, Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Faris gave a dinner in honor of all those who attended the congress at the Meridien Hotel.

In a separate development, it was learned Wednesday that a one month campaign will

start on March 28 for vaccination against encephalitis throughout Saudi Arabia. The Health Ministry urged citizens to present themselves to the nearest health center to take the injection whose effect lasts for a year and a half. The ministry excluded, however, people under 16 years of age, pregnant women and those running a high fever or suffering from a serious ailment as well as anyone who already was vaccinated during the pilgrimage season.

fishers, according to Al-Medina Saturday. A committee formed from the Frontier Corps and the Saudi Ports Authority carried a study on the increasing movement of fishing and leisure boats and their danger on the safety of the off-shore petroleum installations.

Expiration dates noted

RIYADH, March 21 (SPA) — The Commerce Ministry's Consumer Protection Directorate called on importers and exporters of foodstuffs to be truthful and exact about the expiration date of their products.

The directorate said in a statement Friday that it has discovered alteration in expiry period with the aim of extending the opportunities of marketing the products without taking in consideration the storage period.

Mosque week ends

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Fishing licenses stopped

JEDDAH, March 21 — Interior Minister Prince Naif requested the Agriculture and Water Ministry to stop granting licenses for foreign fishing boats. The move comes after proving that Saudi Arabian fishing boats in Jeddah do not exceed 20 per cent of the total

BRIEFS

Khaled cables Bourguiba

TUNIS, March 21 (SPA) — King Khaled Friday cabled his greetings to President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia on his country's independence anniversary. He wished the president health and happiness and the Tunisian people further progress and prosperity.

Weather causes fires

JEDDAH, March 21 — Bad weather conditions resulted in many fires in Jeddah Friday. The speed of the warm southerly winds reached 40 kilometers per hour, raising fire incidents to 12 with 24 hours. The most dangerous fire broke out in a residential building at Amman and completely destroyed the third floor. Though material damage was great, no casualties occurred. Ten people were trapped in the third floor, but Civil Defense teams freed them, according to Al-Medina.

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Prince seeks Pakistan investments

By Shahid Orakzai
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LAHORE, Pakistan, March 21 — Prince Muhammad Al Faisal said Saudi investors were deeply interested in financing agro-based industries in Pakistan which, he added, had great agricultural potential to meet the needs of the Muslim world.

Concluding a weeklong visit, Prince Muhammad told an airport press conference that his organization was planning to invest an initial \$5 million in the region and Pakistan would be the main receiver of this investment. He presided over a meeting of the board of governors of Pan-Islamic Steamship Company in Karachi and said that collaboration with Pakistan investors in shipping had yielded good results.

The prince said his visit aimed at exploring the feasibility of collaboration in the agricultural sector and added that investment and the general economic climate in Pakistan had vastly improved during the past year.



Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal

A pioneer in interest-free banking, he was confident that the experiment of interest-free banking would bear fruit in Pakistan.

He said his organization operating on Islamic lines in all sectors of the economy had produced better results. During his visit the prince also met President Zia-ul-Haq and held discussions with Finance Minister Ghulam Ishaq Khan.

In Lahore Friday he visited the headquarters of Jamaat-e-Islami whose founder late Maulana Maudoodi had received the first award of the King Faisal Foundation for service to Islam.

To show latest equipment

British health mission arrives

JEDDAH, March 21 — The representatives of 15 British companies are visiting Saudi Arabia from March 20 to April 2 as members of a trade mission organized by the British Health Care Export Council, the British Embassy reported Saturday.

The companies represented offer a wide range of medical, surgical, hospital, ophthalmic and pharmaceutical services, supplies and equipment, including cryosurgical products and radioisotopes for use in nuclear medicine.

Under a contract from the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Defense and Aviation, Allied Medical Group Ltd. is advising on the management of the Riyadh Military Hospital and the Al-Kharj Hospital for a period of three and a half years. The company is part of United Medical Enterprises Ltd., whose commercial director, David Jones, is a member of the mission.

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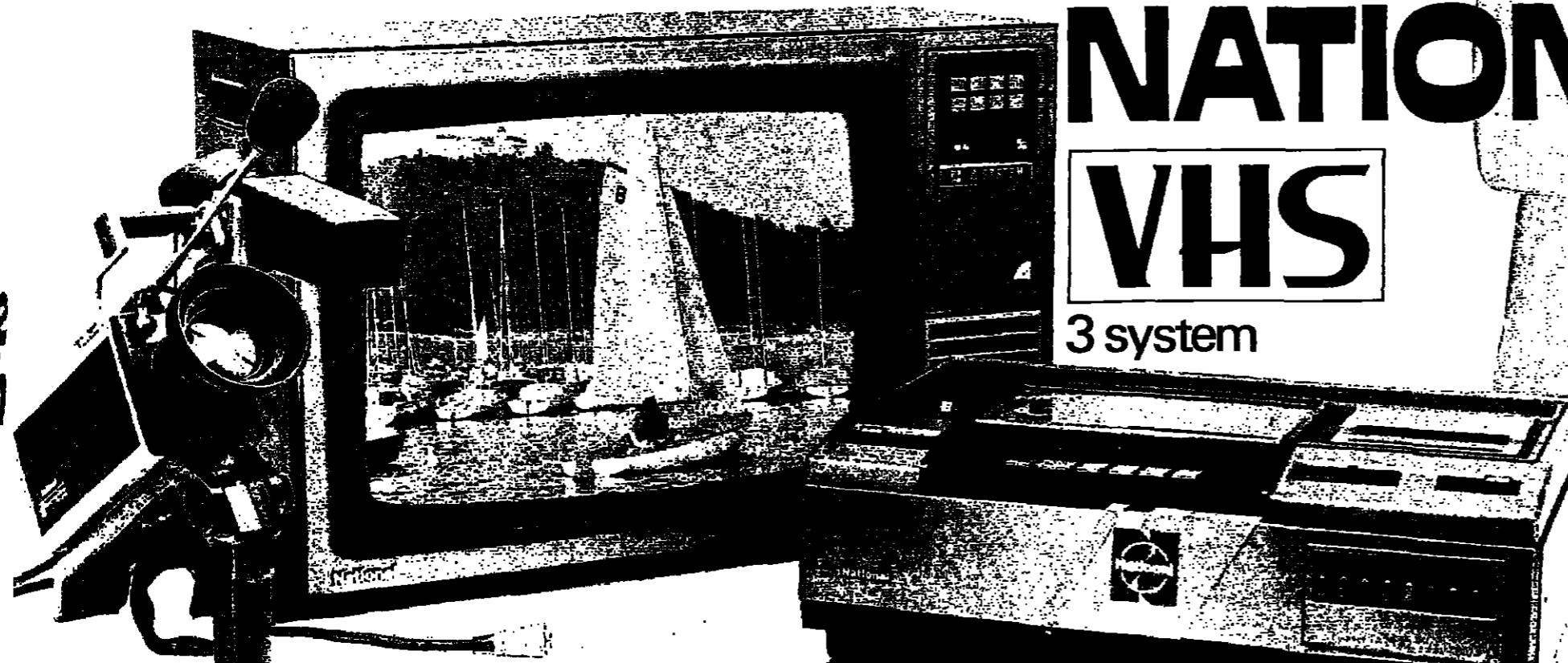
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Asr (Evening)	3.53	3.55	3.26	3.14	3.38	4.09
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.33	6.34	6.06	5.53	6.17	6.47
Isha (Night)	8.03	8.04	7.36	7.23	7.47	8.17

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Rebels promised help

Shagari raps West for aiding Pretoria

LONDON, March 21 (AP) — President Alhaji Shehu Shagari of Nigeria has accused Western Nations of "collusion" with the white-minority rulers of South Africa through trade ties and supply of arms. He vowed Nigeria would give "all necessary aid" to guerrillas in South Africa and neighboring Southwest Africa (Namibia) to conquer what he called "the forces of racism and oppression".

The leader of black Africa's most populous and richest country warned Friday that Nigerian economic power will be used against states opposing or breaking any sanctions imposed on South Africa. "We will not stand any fraternization with anybody who fraternizes with South Africa" he said.

Shagari, who arrived here Tuesday for an eight-day visit, was addressing a crowded news conference at the end of a four-day official state visit as guest of Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace. He said he had used every possible chance to denounce what he said was "the brutal enforcement of inhuman apartheid laws in southern Africa".

Shagari, 55, a former science teacher who

still writes poetry in the Hausa language, became president 18 months ago after an election ended 13 years of military rule.

Speaking quietly, he disclosed that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher had rejected his views on the necessity for a compulsory international oil and trade boycott of South Africa. "She still nurses the hope that they (the Western powers) will be able to persuade South Africa to agree to talks and negotiations," he said, adding with a grin: "I wish her luck."

Shagari hit out at all the "big Western powers" for blocking every attempt in the United Nations to introduce mandatory sanctions that would deprive South Africa of oil, nuclear materials and expertise, and strategic goods. "It's in the interests of even South Africa's friends that the apartheid system should be wiped out" he said. "If persuasion, negotiation and then even sanctions fail, we then have to resort to armed struggle."

Shagari said he had raised with Mrs. Thatcher the question of South African attacks against black guerrilla bases in neighboring Angola and Mozambique.



GAS VICTIMS? Khmer Rouge soldiers lie in a field hospital in Kampuchea, south of the border town of Aranyaprathet. Rebel sources claimed the men had been hit by chemicals used by Vietnamese soldiers during fighting last week.

Sihanouk rules out front with Khmer against Viets

PEKING, March 21 (AP) — Former Kampuchean head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk has said he cannot form an anti-Vietnamese united front with the Khmer Rouge because they reject his proposal for a United Nations peacekeeping force in Kampuchea. But Sihanouk said he will continue talks with the Khmer Rouge because he wants China, which favors the united front, to provide weapons for his own supporters fighting the Vietnamese in Kampuchea.

Sihanouk, who in the past has denounced the Khmer Rouge as murderers of the Kampuchean people, said he wants them disarmed if the Vietnamese are driven out of the country. "The Khmer Rouge refuse to be disarmed," Sihanouk said in a telephone interview from the North Korean capital of Pyongyang Friday. "The Khmer Rouge are not sincere. They are very dishonest. They say the Vietnamese might come back if they disarm," he added.

Sihanouk said that if the Vietnamese are driven out, he wants a U.N. peacekeeping force stationed in Kampuchea so "the Vietnamese would have no pretext to invade."

The Khmer Rouge regime, installed in 1975, was overthrown by a Vietnamese invasion in 1978. It now has an estimated 30,000 troops fighting a guerrilla war against about 200,000 Vietnamese troops. Sihanouk said he has about 2,000 supporters fighting the Vietnamese "but I can have 18 times more manpower if I can get weapons and ammunition for them."

Khmer Rouge Premier Khieu Samphan, after meeting with Sihanouk in Pyongyang, told reporters in Peking last week there were favorable conditions for a united front. He said he had asked Sihanouk to withdraw his request that after the Vietnamese withdraw, all armed groups in Kampuchea should be

disarmed. He said they agreed on such other points as armed struggle being the only way to expel the Vietnamese, that every Kampuchean has the right to set up a political party, and that the nation should have a parliamentary government.

Sihanouk said he would meet again with Khieu Samphan in Peking in May, not because there is hope of agreement but because China will not provide any arms for his supporters unless he continues the talks.

"If China refuses to give military aid to my supporters, I will certainly put an end to the negotiations," he said. "I have no interest in having such talks except to get weapons from China for my supporters. I am under pressure from my supporters."

Sihanouk said he also has asked former Premier In Tam to go to Washington to present his request for weapons to the U.S. government, but "I am not sure if the government of President Reagan is ready to give such aid."

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Keep open mind on M.E., Haig advised

By Lord Caradon

It is to be strongly hoped that U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig will go to the Middle East next month with an open mind ready to listen and to learn. That may sound well outside the range of what is likely or even possible.

A number of statements about the Middle East have been made by President Reagan and by members of his administration, including the secretary for defense, which might indicate that they are not ready to think afresh or to think again. Unless they are so prepared and unless Haig pays attention to everything he hears on his Middle East tour and then gives honest advice to Reagan on his return to Washington, hopes of a peaceful settlement will be lost and the drift to confrontation and conflict will continue.

Haig will be told in Jordan and Saudi-Arabia, and presumably in Egypt too, that there is no hope for peace except on the basis of a settlement of the claims of Palestinians to self-determination. He will also be told that there is no hope for peace if Arab-Jerusalem is annexed by Israel. He will be told that peace will not be won by American military intervention and military bases in the Middle East. Indeed, they would ensure Arab opposition and invite Soviet reaction.

But some military men are said to have the capacity for quick thinking and confident action and we should not exclude the possibility that Haig will see the light in Arabia. He could realize that peace is attainable only if it is sought by justice and conciliation and not by domination and confrontation.

He might even remember that ever since Resolution 242 was passed unanimously in the United Nations Security Council in 1967, American and Soviet aims in the Middle East have been the same — Israeli withdrawal from occupied territory to secure and recognized boundaries.

He would no doubt be unwilling to accept the views of the previous administration expressed in the joint Soviet-American statement of the October 1, 1977 which set out agreed purposes, but he must know that the same principles were then supported by both superpowers for a comprehensive peace. He might see that to challenge the Soviet Union and to base American policy in the Middle East on superpower confrontation, and at the same time to alienate Arab and Muslim opinion, would not be to American advantage, or to international or Israeli advantage either.

Haig might even decide to use American influence to dissuade the Israeli government from the policy of annexation of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem which he must see is rapidly destroying any prospect of the peace and security which Israel so badly needs. All this of course is wishful thinking. Such indications as we already have would justify the belief that the American policy of the new administration in the Middle East will be:

- (a) to back and finance Israeli expansion,
- (b) to discourage any peace initiative such as that put forward by the European governments, and
- (c) to treat the Middle East as an area in which to challenge and provoke the Soviet Union.

It may seem almost incredible that such a policy could be pursued. Apart from anything else, it would offend all Arab and Muslim opinion and would also cause a most serious division of opinion on a major international issue with all Europe.

Meanwhile, the Begin government races ahead with its policies of domination and annexation of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem. The concrete encirclement of Jerusalem may well be the most dangerous development of all. Israeli recent publications, reported in *The London Times*, show that in the past two years since the Camp David agreement, there has been, in and about Jerusalem, a nearly three-fold increase in the annual number of new homes built for Jewish families in occupied territory.

Eight thousand housing units have been constructed in the new suburbs around Jerusalem since 1979, which one Israeli official described as "perhaps the largest housing scheme of its kind in the world". And these new suburbs to house 10,000 Jews every year are spread out into occupied Arab territory beyond the city borders. There seems to be an anxiety to avoid any new move on the whole question of Israeli-Arab relations until after the Israeli elections in June, and in the interval the Begin government does everything it can to prevent any possibility of effective international initiative for peace.

Can it be that Haig will fail to understand and judge this most dangerous situation? It seems almost incredible that he and his administration could make such a fatal mistake. So surely we should welcome his forthcoming Middle East tour in the expectation that he cannot fail to see the dangers, and could possibly by his advice on his return to Washington mercifully redirect United States policy toward a comprehensive settlement.

We must not allow ourselves to be too optimistic, but I like to think that three other important results might come from Haig's Middle East tour.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

A majority of newspapers Saturday led with the United Nations' denunciation of the activities of secessionist Saad Haddad and his men in South Lebanon. In a lead story, *Al Jazirah* and *Al Nadwa* highlighted Morocco's denial of a meeting between King Hassan II of Morocco and Shammai Peres, leader of Israel's Labor party. The Moroccan embassy in Beirut described the rumor as a false and baseless propaganda. *Al Bilad* carried as its lead story the Arab League's support for the Islamic Goodwill Committee in its task to end the armed conflict between Iraq and Iran.

In a front-page story, *Al Medina* and *Al Nadwa* reported that armed men attacked Afghan President Karmel's palace during a cabinet meeting. A number of guards were reported killed while some ministers ran away from the scene. Newspapers gave front-page coverage to a call made by Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League, to Muslims of the world to stand as one man to save the Mosque of the Prophet Abraham in occupied Hebron. In a page one story, *Al Riyad* reported that the Arab states of the Gulf Cooperation Council have sent a memorandum to Iran reiterating that cooperation among the Arab states of the Gulf is not directed against any state.

The Euro-Arab relations and the extent of their impact on the crucial issues of the Arabs formed a major topic of discussion by some editorials. They said that Britain's resolve to accord recognition to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as the legitimate representative of the people of Palestine is

a significant step in view of Britain's position in the European Economic Community as well as its relations with the U.S. Some papers also discussed the world body's condemnation of the Israeli assaults on South Lebanon.

Al Jazirah highlighted the significance of Britain's recognition of the PLO, hoping it would lead to similar steps by other European countries. The paper referred to Britain's historic responsibilities and said that its recognition would mean a radical shift in the nature and objectives of the British role in the solution of the Middle East crisis. It hoped that the upcoming visit of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to the Middle East, including Saudi Arabia, would be a prelude to an expected change in the British policy.

Discussing the U.N. Security Council's resolution on the repeated Zionist assaults on South Lebanon, *Al Riyad* remarked that the Arabs cannot expect the world body to go beyond denunciations, as it seems reluctant to annoy Israel or the militia of secessionist Saad Haddad. The paper advised the Arabs not to expect anything from Washington or the U.N. and reminded them that the U.S. which had recently demonstrated some limited response, has gone back again to its previous stance when its delegate at the Security Council abstained from condemning Israel for its aggressive activities.

On the same subject, *Al Yam* observed that a delayed resolution by the Security Council should it wanted to please the U.S. and to find a mediatory solution to the U.S.-Soviet tussle at the world

trium. The paper urged the Arabs to intensify their diplomatic activity, in order to be able to confront any plot against their crucial issues.

Al Bilad noted that the prevailing situation in South Lebanon necessitates a comprehensive military and political move, so that provocative Israeli activities against South Lebanon and the U.N. emergency force could be checked effectively. Although the mission of the U.N. force is to help in the creation of security and stability, the force itself has been subjected to various odds by the Israeli terrorist activities. The paper urged the Arab states to rescue Lebanon from the clutches of the Zionists whose only aim is to disintegrate it.

Concerned with the same subject, *Al Nadwa* referred to the U.N. Security Council resolution and the commando activities inside the occupied territory. However, it called upon all concerned to thwart any Israeli attempt to turn South Lebanon into another Israeli-occupied territory. The Israeli enemy has already had his eyes fixed on the Litani river, it added.

Dealing with the European move, *Okaz* observed that Europe will commit a mistake if it thinks it can pressure those who have the freedom of opinion and are capable of spending on the alternative source of energy at any time. The paper reminded that any attempt to pressure the Arabs or to try to make any barter deal on the stakes would be doomed to failure. At the same time, the paper expressed appreciation of the unconditional response of some major powers to the Arab needs, and added it was a normal method of interaction with complete independence.



Fake chemicals ruin plantations

By Alastair Macdonald

NAIROBI — Many African coffee-growers have been ruined by an international ring alleged to have sold them fake and "doctored" agro-chemicals. Harvests have failed because the chemicals were ineffective against fungus and other diseases that attack coffee trees.

Plantation owners and African cooperatives in Kenya and Zimbabwe have suffered. So have state-owned plantations in Ethiopia and Tanzania. The chemicals were all purchased last year and consisted mainly of shipments claimed to be Difolatan, the most effective fungicide for coffee trees.

Difolatan was developed by Chevron Chemicals. When suppliers ran out of stocks last year, "reserve stocks" mysteriously appeared in Western Europe and were eagerly bought up by African coffee-growing countries. Most shipments to Kenya came from a Dutch company through an intermediary in Belgium.

Suspicion that something was wrong first developed in Kenya last July, when shipments were

examined on arrival at Mombasa and found to be below standard. Then one large state owned by the Kenya Cabinet Minister Charles Njoroge reported that when they tested the supposed Difolatan it turned out to be nothing more than agricultural limestone.

Other producers found their supplies consisted of chalk, while generally the active ingredients in later shipments turned out to be far below the content claimed on the labels.

After discussions between the Dutch suppliers, the government and importing agents in Kenya, it was agreed that substandard consignments would be replaced. That did not satisfy the coffee farmers, who demanded to know how they would be compensated for the substantial losses they had suffered through drastic drops in production during 1980, after diseases went unchecked, despite frequent spraying.

The name of one individual keeps cropping up in a number of different companies involved in supplying the dubious chemicals to Kenya, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe. He is a Dutch chemical magnate, who owns at least a dozen chemical firms in Europe,

ranging from the supplier in Holland to companies in Britain and Belgium.

Chevron's patent rights over Difolatan expire this year and it is known that several international companies are anxious to produce the chemical. It is thought that some manufacturers have been jumping the gun by trying to get into the market with bogus Difolatan.

Another theory is that, after large quantity of genuine Difolatan disappeared last year, it may have been mixed with chalk and sold at a vast profit.

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Al Jazirah



PRODUCT: The Sanabel farm, which produces dairy products, maintains 800 heads of cattle. Photo shows a cattle shed.



POWER: Abdul Rahman Al Qadi, the owner of the farm, in his office.



TRUCK: The farm has its own truck to distribute its products.

Setting a trend

Giving the desert a green look

By Raana Siddiqi

RIYADH — Desert sands, in the arid regions of the Kingdom, are now turning into granary land, thanks to the determined efforts of the government and a new generation of Saudi Arabians — the gentleman farmers.

Sitting on the lush green turf in front of his home on the large Sanabel farm, Abdul Rahman Al Qadi predicted "we will be self-sufficient in a number of food essentials in ten years." It is reasonable to accept this forecast after touring his vegetable and dairy farm in the area of Al-Kharj, 80 kilometers east of Riyadh.

processing," assured Al Qadi.

The cows, who have identification numbers, also go through routine periodic check-up. According to him, "there is a health file for each cow from the time of birth, in which vaccination record and other details are maintained." He has his office in the same building that houses the lab. Pointing to the miniature bull that rests on his desk, he said, "other people have papers cluttering their desks, but my work is with cows and bulls."

The green houses, under the control of a Dutchman, are something worth watching. Rows upon rows of cucumber and tomato laden plants yield fruit in all seasons. "The seeds have come from Holland," explained



HOUSES: The farm which also consists of green houses (picture above) where vegetables are grown.



EQUIPMENT: The farm is equipped with modern machinery to check the quality of the milk. It produces 1,200 bottles of milk a day. Photo shows a section of the bottling plant.

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Abdul Rahman was born in Mecca, and his family actually comes from Omaizah. A soft spoken, friendly man, he is, in his own words, "a self-taught farmer." A believer in that "self-sufficiency in food is an integral part of his country's overall development," he made a decision three years ago to start a dairy farm. Fifteen months ago, experimental green houses were added to grow flowers and vegetables.

He also decided at the same time to live on the farm to give it full attention rather than being a "weekend farmer." Abdul Rahman, who has never been to an agricultural school, felt that for him it was better to study on his own as much as possible and to learn from experience by working with the experts employed by him. He also decided to pull his younger brother out of secondary school and sent him to the United States where he worked in various farms and studied agricultural techniques. Now, both brothers share the responsibilities of running and maintaining the Sanabel and a large number of employees of different nationalities.

The farm is divided into two sections: one is reserved for the dairy products, and the other for green houses producing vegetables all-year round.

There are 800 heads of cattle in the farm for milk, part of which is used to make yoghurt and ice cream. Most of the cows are American. Sanabel is one of the very few farms in the Kingdom supplying fresh milk to consumers. Equipped with modern machinery, the dairy farm is self-sufficient, from making 1,200 polythene milk bottles a day to preparing yoghurt, producing ice cream in assorted flavors and packaging these products for commercial deliveries.

A small laboratory and control department is where the milk and other products are checked both for purity and quality control. "All products are checked before and after

Yasser Yassin, an assistant who has studied in an agricultural college in Syria. "We are also experimenting with the new hydroponic technique where plants grow without any soil and with water only," he added. It sounds incredible, but the cucumbers taste delicious and are of comparable size.

This may just be the answer to combat the lack of good soil in parts of this desert land. Al Qadi plans to start soon a new green house which is more expensive to build but which, according to experts, is one of the best green house systems. Experiments are also underway at the Sanabel to grow flower plants that will normally not grow in this climate.

Government subsidies are more than generous, according to him, and agricultural programs are given special consideration in the Kingdom's next five-year plan. Loans are offered to start agricultural projects and subsidies include full payment of air transport of cattle, certain percentage of equipment and some kinds of fodder.

The government also includes farmers in trade and agricultural delegations both at home and abroad. These are some of the incentives being offered to encourage and develop agriculture.

He has acquired a large piece of land for wheat farming in the winter and forage growing in the summer months. He feels cultivating the land should be no problem as water is available at 60 meters deep and in abundance in the region. "We are limited here but the new piece of land will be producing 20,000 tons of wheat by the end of 1981," he said.

Dust was falling, everything was quiet and peaceful, and Al Qadi, back home playing with his nine-month-old son Jihad, was sure that he had chosen the right career. He may not have the formal training in farming, but his hard work and determination proved that he is now an expert farmer.

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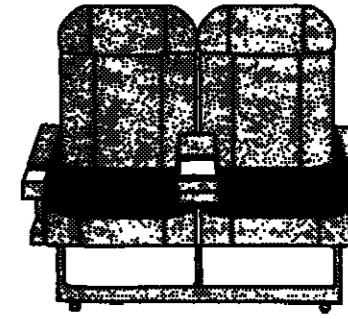
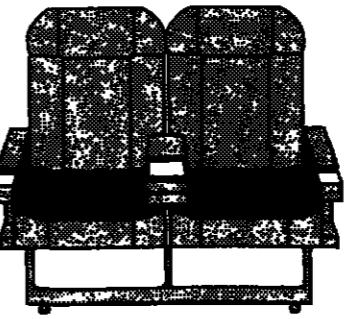
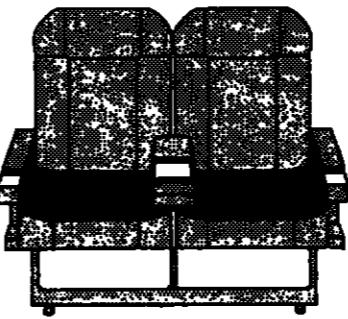
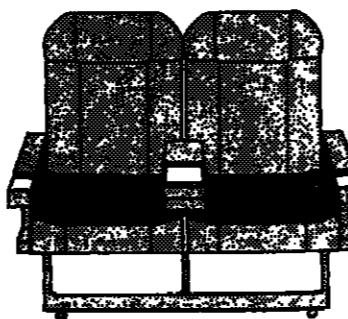
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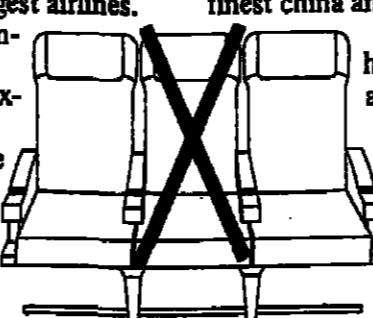
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Jeff Lamp shines for Virginia

BYU snatches one-point win

By Cynthia Shanley

HOUSTON, March 21 — Anny Ainge drove the length of the floor and sank a layup with two seconds remaining to give the 16-ranked Brigham Young University a 51-50 victory over the seventh-ranked Notre Dame.

The victory moved the Cougars into Saturday's East Regional title game against fifth-ranked Virginia, which beat No. 15 Tennessee 62-48 behind the brilliant second-half play of Jeff Lamp.

After three straight NCAA tournament upsets, Kansas State defeated Illinois in the semifinals of the West Regional. Controlling the tempo and the lead in the entire game, the unranked Wildcats defeated No. 18 Illinois 57-52. In the Regional Championship game on Saturday, Kansas State will meet fourth-ranked North Carolina, which beat Utah in

the other semifinal game last Thursday evening.

Kansas State, upset winners over San Francisco, second-ranked Oregon State and Illinois, spurred to a 11-2 lead over Illinois and held a 30-27 advantage at halftime. The taller Illinois squad cut the margin to one and two points several times, but never pulled even.

In the Midwest Division, the Arkansas Razorbacks defeated Louisville for a berth in the Regional semifinals. The Razorbacks won the game on a buzzer shot by guard U.S. Reed from half-court, ending the game at 74-73. The Razorbacks now face LSU in the Louisiana Superdome.

In other NCAA action, St. Joseph (24-7) will meet Boston College (23-6) and Alabama-Birmingham (23-8) will take on Indiana (22-9) in the Midwest Regional semifinals at Bloomington, Indiana.

In National Basketball Association

Bulls down Philadelphia to qualify

NEW YORK, March 21 (AP) — Friday night's triumph over Philadelphia has got the Chicago Bulls looking ahead to the National Basketball Association playoffs while the 76ers are looking toward Sunday's showdown with the Boston Celtics.

"We got to the playoffs because we not only worked hard but because this year we had the talent," Artis Gilmore, Chicago's center, said after the Bulls demolished the 76ers 120-108 and made the playoffs for the first time in four seasons.

Chicago's triumph also knocked Philadelphia out of first place in the Atlantic Division. They tell a half-game behind the Celtics, who defeated Washington 128-116, ending the Bullets' playoff hopes.

Boston, with the best record in the NBA at 59-18, will be in Philadelphia Sunday to tangle with the sixers, who are 59-19.

Elsewhere, the Milwaukee Bucks whipped the Detroit Pistons 104-86, the San Antonio Spurs shaded the Kansas City Kings 114-111 in overtime, the Los Angeles Lakers trounced the Seattle SuperSonics 133-119, the New York Knicks downed the Indiana Pacers 110-107, the Dallas Mavericks turned

back the Denver Nuggets 126-125, the Portland Trail Blazers edged the Houston Rockets 107-103 and the New Jersey Nets trimmed the Atlanta Hawks 108-96.

Ricky Sobera scored a season-high 29 points and David Greenwood added 28 to lead Chicago. The 76ers trailed 94-91 with 6:2 minutes left but Sobera, who scored 12 points in the final quarter, and Reggie Theus, who finished with 22, took charge.

Celtics 128, Bullets 116: Robert Parish sparked an 8-0 fourth-quarter spurt that broke open a tight game, handed the Bullets their fifth loss in a row and eliminated them from playoff contention.

With the score tied for the 20th time at 102-all, Parish grabbed a rebound and fired a court-length pass to Gerald Henderson, who scored with 7:1 left. Parish, who had 22 points, then hit two free throws and canned a jumper. He also grabbed a rebound and started a play that ended with a basket by Cedric Maxwell, who shared scoring honors with Washington's Kevin Grevey at 27 points apiece.

Bucks 104, Pistons 86: Seven Milwaukee

(NBA), San Diego guard Phil Smith 22 points and surpassed a career high with 15 assists against his former Golden State teammates, leading the Clippers to an easy 139-113 victory over the Warriors.

The triumph kept San Diego's slim playoff hopes alive. Golden State and Kansas City are tied for the fifth and sixth Western Conference playoff berths, each with 37-39 records. Both have six games remaining. Also competing for a Western Conference playoff berth in Houston, 36-40 with six games left. Six teams from each Conference qualify for the playoffs.

Artis Gilmore scored 28 points, and Roger Theus scored 23 to lead the Chicago Bulls over the Cleveland Cavaliers 116-111. Gilmore, who sat out much of the first half with foul trouble, scored 20 points in the second half. Theus scored 17 of his points in the second half when he hit 11 straight foul shots.

The 76ers, led by Brian Winters' 16 points, scored in double figures. The Bucks jumped in front 33-19 in the first quarter. After their lead shrank to 55-47 at the half, they hit the first 10 points of the third period, six by Quinn Buckner, to put the game out of reach.

Spurs 114, Kings 111: Olberding scored four points and Paul Griffin and George Johnson each added two points in overtime after San Antonio blew a 12-point lead in the closing minutes of regulation. Olberding scored a basket and a pair of free throws and Griffin added a field goal with 1:53 left to give the Spurs a 112-106 lead. James Silas led San Antonio with 21 points and George Gervin added 20. Scott Wedman paced the Kings with 25.

Lakers 133, Supersonics 119: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and 'Magic' Johnson combined for 62 points. Abdul-Jabbar had 18 of his 34 points in the first half while Johnson wound up with 28. Los Angeles led 55-53 midway through the second quarter but outscored the Sonics 17-7 in the last five minutes of the period to take a 72-60 lead.

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Leaders Dallah shocked

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, March 21 — The shock results of this season's English League program was Liverpool's defeat at the hands of bottom of the table Leicester, and Dallah Avco can have the consolation of knowing that what was good enough for Liverpool must be good enough for them. Dallah crashed 4-3 to bottom-placed FOJP last week in the Saudi Milk Football League, but stay top of Division One and look certain to take the title for the second season running.

The championship now rests in the once capable hands of Whittaker who have three matches remaining and could clinch the title if they win all three. This is no easy for the declining Whittaker team who have to face FOJP, Dallah's conquerors, Hochtief, the in-form team at the moment, and then Dallah Avco themselves!

Hochtief continued their late rush with a 3-0 crushing of Lockheed, who had two players sent off and now find themselves expelled from the league for having exceeded their disciplinary allowance.

Hochtief, of course, will have to play with special care in their last match since they are now on the exact maximum number of

penalty points allowed before expulsion. One yellow card against Whittaker will see them out.

Asmara finished with a flourish, crushing Saudia 4-0. They could still finish second, but must be regretting their poor start to the season which saw them lose four of their first five matches.

The crucial Toyota NJIA match ended in a 3-3 draw after a see-saw game which had Toyota cruising 2-0 ahead, NJIA pulling back to a 3-2 lead, then Toyota equalising in the last minute to save their unbeaten record and grab a vital point. This was a reversal of their first encounter, when NJIA equalised in the final minute. Zahid overwhelmed Arabian Homes 6-1 to maintain their promotion drive. They play Toyota in their final match, then face the possibility of having to play off their postponed match with NJIA if the points situation makes it necessary.

J&P look set to take the Third Division title but still have three hard matches ahead of them. One is against NJIA (2) who are the other contenders. J&P downed ADS 4-0 last week, although the score was rather flattering for ADS, who survived countless raids on their goal.

Pongoh bags men's crown

MALMOE, Sweden, March 21 (AP) — Luis Pongoh of Indonesia defeated Morten Frost of Denmark 18-14, 15-13 in a hardfought final to capture the men's singles crown at the \$22,000 Swedish Open Badminton Championships here Friday.

Both singles titles in the open went to Asia while both doubles titles stayed in Europe. The men's singles winner claimed \$2,000. Players from 14 nations were entered in the tournament.

Pongoh, who is only ranked third in Indonesia and a newcomer in bigtime European tournaments, overcame the Danish favorite with his impressive speed and agility. Defending champion Prakash Pardukone of India did not enter the tournament.

In the men's doubles final Sweden's experienced top star Thomas Karlstrom defeated with Stefan Karlsson to thrash fourth-seeded Indonesian pair in only 30 minutes.

Sunai Hwang of the Republic of Korea, top seed in the ladies singles, downed Lie Ing Ivana of Indonesia 11-2, 11-8 in another one-sided final. Title defender Yostiko Yonukura of Japan did not enter the singles, only the doubles.

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Jaekel takes lead

Watson falls victim to howling winds

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida, March 21 (AP) — Barry Jaekel took the lead, Jack Nicklaus moved into contention and Tom Watson fell victim to the howling winds of Sawgrass Friday in the second round of the rich tournament Players Championship.

Jaekel, winner of one tournament in seven years of PGA tour activity, birdied the last hole to complete a 2-under-par 70 that gave him sole control of the lead in the annual championship of golf's touring pros at 139.

That's five strokes under par for two trips

Lagos to be excluded from Grand Prix

PARIS, March 21 (AFP) — The Lagos, Nigeria Tennis Tournament is to be excluded from the Grand Prix circuit in 1982, it was decided here Friday by the Men's International Professional Tennis Council.

The move follows the expulsion from Lagos in February of three English players, Harvey Becker, John Feaver and John Whiteford. The reason for their expulsion was said at the time to be because their names appeared on a "black list" — backed by the committee of nations opposed to apartheid — of sportsmen and women who have played in South Africa since 1980.

McEnroe signs contract

U.S. champion John McEnroe has signed a five-year contract to play tennis around the world exclusively with Dunlop Maxply Fort rackets made by the Dunlop Sports Co. at its factory at Horbury in Northern England.

Neither McEnroe nor the company would say how much the contract was worth at a news conference held here Friday.

Connors makes last four

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, March 21 (AP) — American Jimmy Connors moved into the semifinals of the \$175,000 WCT Rotterdam International Tennis Tournament Friday by defeating his countryman Sandy Mayer 6-4, 6-3 before 8,000 spectators.

Connors, the winner of the tournament in 1978, experienced no problems in his game.

Veteran Woytek Fibak of Poland also moved into the semifinals after defeating Raul Ramirez of Mexico 6-3, 6-4 in 85 minutes.

American Gene Mayer defeated Buster Mottram of England 6-3, 7-6. Mayer took one hour and 15 minutes to defeat Mottram who is ranked 50th in the world.

In another match, Brian Gottfried, U.S., beat Yannick Noah, France 6-7, 6-3, 7-6.

Meanwhile, Ilie Nastase of Romania and Pavel Slozil of Czechoslovakia reached the semifinals of the Nancy Grand Prix Tennis Tournament. Nastase beat Shlomo Gluckstein 6-3, 6-4 and Slozil defeated Mark Edmundson of Australia by the same score.

In Boston top-seeded Chris Evert-Lloyd wore down Romanian Virginia Rusci 6-2,



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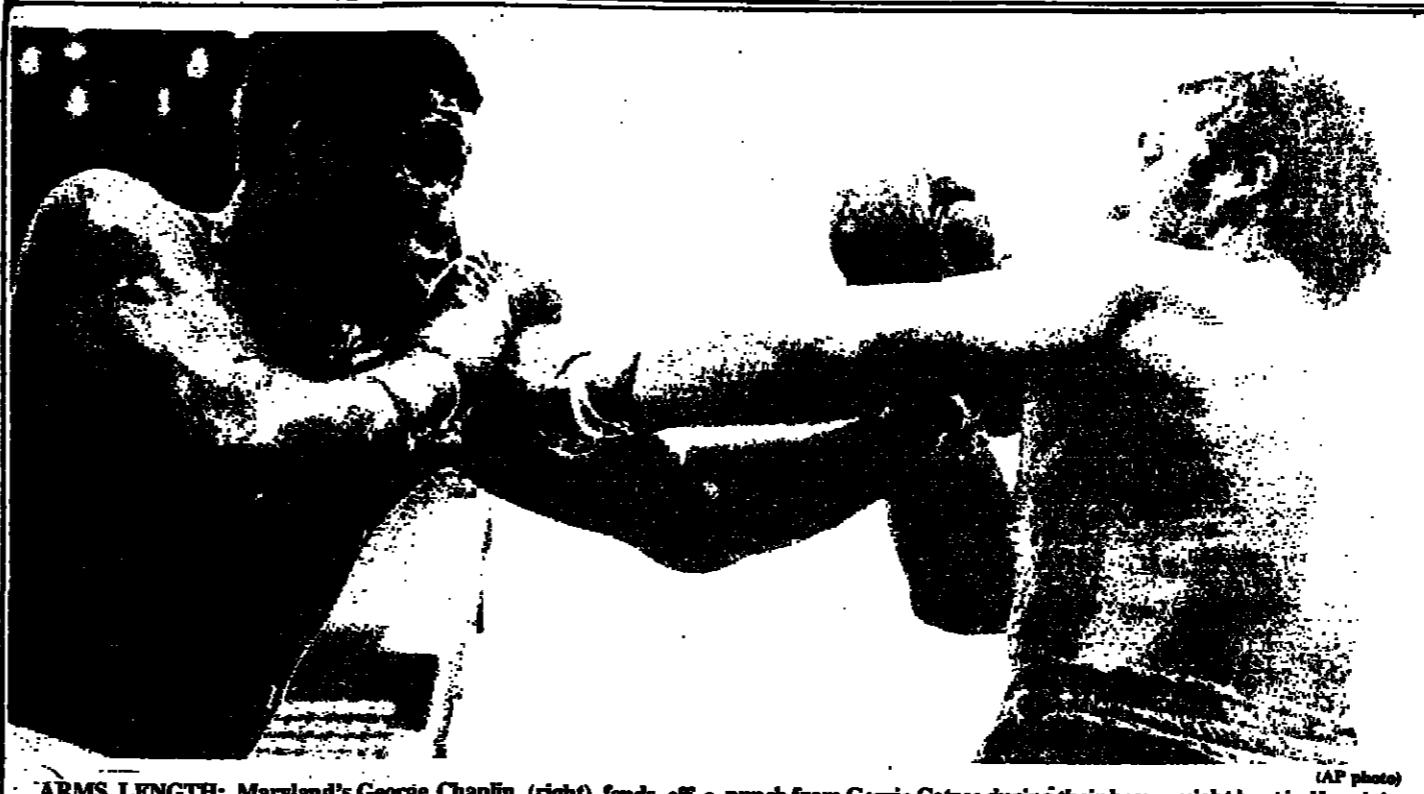
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ARMS LENGTH: Maryland's George Chaplin (right) fends off a punch from Gerrie Coetzee during their heavyweight bout in Honolulu recently. Coetzee went on to earn an unanimous decision in his favor.

It's money all the way in W. German soccer

BONN, March 21, (R) — West German soccer clubs are alarming their bank managers more than opposition defenses these days.

The 18 clubs of the Bundesliga have run up debts of over 40 million marks (\$20 million). Right through the league clubs are living on credit — from Hamburg and Bayern Munich at the top to 1860 Munich at the bottom.

The two Munich clubs are reckoned to be four million marks (\$2 million) or more in the red. Mahlbach as much as six million marks (\$3 million).

But the specter of relegation and dwindling support and sponsor interest makes life gloomy on and off the pitch at the foot of the table.

Hamburg and Bayern, whose success makes them prime targets for sponsors, can justify expensive signings and astronomical salaries as the price of continued lucrative triumph. Their costly, crowd-pulling players are also gilt-edged assets.

But struggling 1860 Munich had no money to pay their players last month when their main bank stopped payments pending extra cover for their debts.

But 1860 club president Erich Reidl appealed the creditors this week when he persuaded club members to agree use more of the club's property as collateral for the debt.

Riedl, a member of parliament in Bonn, said he would have been forced to declare the club bankrupt if the vote had gone against him.

But 1860, languishing in the perennial shadow of Bayern, are still in trouble, 4.4 million marks (\$2.1 million) in debt and plunging towards the Second Division.

The 1860 "Lions" had had nothing to roar about since winning the Bundesliga title in 1966. They have looked on enviously while neighbors Bayern collected trophy after trophy.

phy — the European Cup three times, the Cupwinners Cup once, the domestic league five times and the West German Cup four times.

A local property dealer, one of several rich businessmen who spread their wealth to bask in soccer's limelight, laid out 2.5 million marks (\$1.2 million) for four new players. But 1860 are still struggling, one from bottom in the table.

There is still plenty of money in West German football, certainly enough to lure foreign stars such as Britons Kevin Keegan, who spent three seasons with Hamburg, and Tony Woodcock, now with Cologne.

Business sponsorship turns teams into mobile advertisements for beer, petrol and

Japanese cars and cameras. A big oil firm which sponsors league leaders Hamburg helps provide Franz Beckenbauer, newly returned from New York Cosmos, with a reported annual income of 1.25 million marks (\$600,000).

European footballer of the year Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Bayern team-mate Paul Breitner, Hamburg's Manfred Kaltz and Felix Magath and Stuttgart's Hansi Mueller are among a handful of top players commanding annual salaries of around 400,000 marks (\$190,000).

UEFA cup semi-finalists Cologne hold the transfer record — 3.6 million marks (\$1.7 million) received from Barcelona for midfielder Bernd Schuster.

Real Madrid to meet Inter Milan

ZURICH, March 20 (R) — The draw for the semi-finals of the European Soccer Cup Friday duly came up with the two outstanding teams — Real Madrid against Inter Milan and Liverpool against Bayern Munich.

It was a draw which could not fail with four sides who have helped to create European Cup history bidding to re-establish themselves as the continent's champion club. Real were the team of the fifties and Bayern and Liverpool held the Cup between them from 1974 to 1978.

Bujadin Bošković, Real's Yugoslav coach, said in Madrid it was the draw which most suited his team, adding that he had particularly wanted to avoid Liverpool.

Cup-winners cup Dynamo Tbilisi (Soviet Union) v Feyenoord Rotterdam (Netherlands), Carl Zeiss Jena (East Germany) v Benfica Lisbon (Portugal).

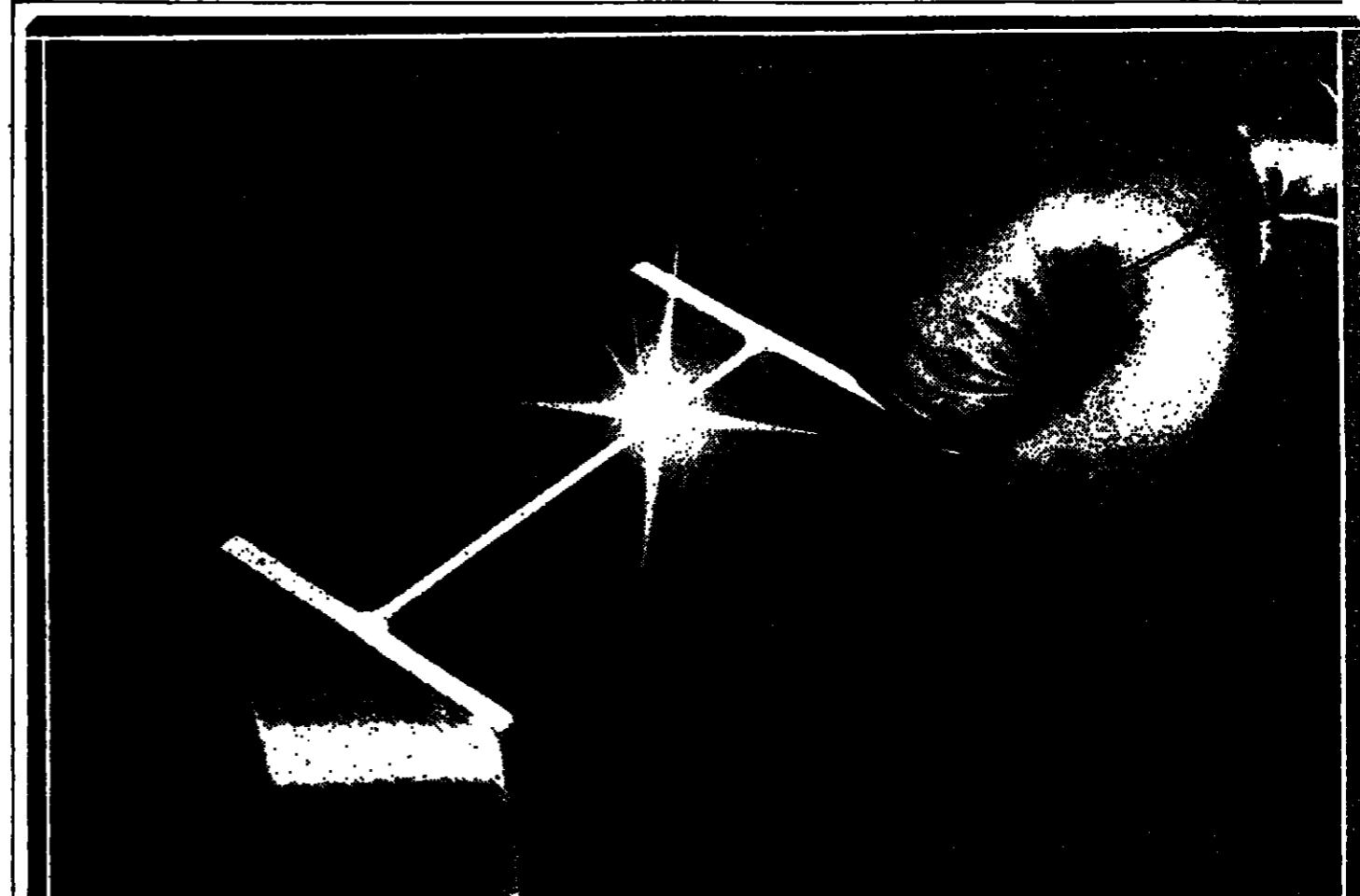
UEFA Cup: Ipswich Town (England) v Cologne (West Germany); Sochaux (France) v AZ 67 Alkmaar (Netherlands).

First-leg matches in all three tournaments will be played on April 8 and the second leg on April 22. Teams drawn first in each tie will play the first leg at home.

Boxer gets life term

NEWARK, New Jersey, March 21 (AP) — James Scott, whose boxing career behind prison walls gained him headlines and a rating as one of the world's best light heavyweights, was sentenced to life in prison Friday for the 1975 slaying of a reputed Newark drug trafficker.

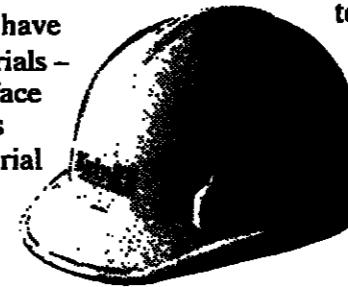
Superior court judge Nicholas Scialo imposed the term to run concurrently with the 30- to 40-year sentence Scott is serving for a related armed robbery. Assistant Essex county prosecutor Lloyd Levenson had asked for consecutive terms, citing Scott's long history of violent crimes.



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EEC exports to Iran register 64% increase

BRUSSELS, March 21, (R) — Exports from the European Economic Community to Iran rose by 64 per cent in the first nine months of last year over 1979 levels, despite the EEC trade embargo imposed last May, EEC Commission figures have showed.

Study foresees bright outlook on energy front

BOSTON, Massachusetts March 21 (AP) — Despite a projected population boom, the world in 2030 will have plenty of energy resources, including fossil fuels, a seven-year international study says.

Wolfgang Sussin, a deputy leader of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, reported on the study Friday in a speech at a regional seminar held by the conference board in connection with American energy week.

The report, which Sussin said was compiled by 140 scientists from 20 countries, forecast energy independence for the United States in 50 years if a rapid switch is made to coal and synthetic fuels derived from coal.

The institute is based in Austria and describes itself as a "non-governmental, multi-disciplinary research institution." It was founded in 1972 by academics of science of 12 nations.

Among other predictions, the study says: Oil and natural gas will continue to represent primary energy sources. The scientists said most oil produced in 2030 will "be unconventional" — from sources such as oil shale.

Nuclear energy will grow to fill gaps in energy supplies of developed nations. The study said nuclear sources would supply 29 per cent of the world's energy in 2030. Solar and other renewable energy sources will grow in importance, but not represent a major energy source.

The study also predicted increased energy conservation, particularly in industrial nations. Even so, the study projected energy consumption would be at double 1975 levels in 2030.

In the United States, the report predicts substantial energy savings due to technological advances, including rapid growth of a coal liquefaction industry.

But an EEC Commission official said EEC exports to Iran had dropped steeply in 1979, the year of the revolution. "I can only suppose that the increase recorded last year over 1979 levels is chiefly due to that," he said.

He declined to speculate on whether the figures indicated that some member states had broken the embargo. The EEC imposed a trade ban on Iran last May in protest against the holding of the U.S. hostages there. But food and medicine was excluded, as were contracts signed before Nov. 4, 1979, the date when the hostages were seized. Britain declined to make the embargo retroactive to Nov. 4. EEC foreign ministers lifted the trade embargo on Iran last January, immediately after the hostages were released.

The Iranian government said this week it was ready for expanded economic relations with countries respecting its sovereignty. Iran's exports to the EEC in the first nine months of 1980 fell to \$2.8 billion, a drop of 16 per cent, according to the commission figures.

The steepest increases in exports to Iran were from Belgium and Luxembourg, up by 154 per cent; France, with a rise of 114 per cent; and Britain, where the increase was 110 per cent. The lowest was West Germany, with a 22 per cent rise.

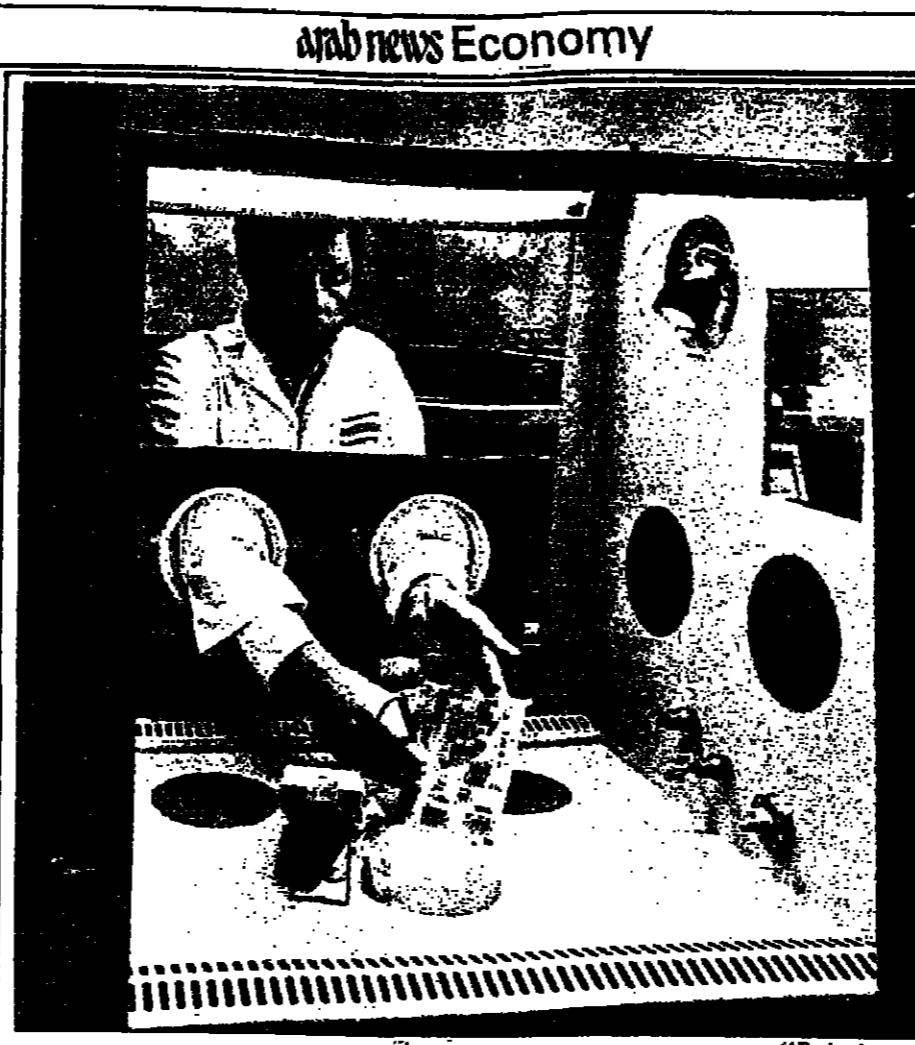
In the field of machinery and transport equipment, exports to Iran rose by 26 per cent. Britain's exports were up by 139 per cent, while West Germany's were down by 20 per cent. Exports of chemicals rose by 113 per cent, with the biggest increases from Britain, Italy and Belgium and Luxembourg. The lowest was again West Germany.

Meanwhile in New York, the International Longshoremen's Association lifted its ban against loading Iran-bound cargo ships Friday. It was imposed shortly after the seizure of the American hostages in November 1979.

The agreement that led to the release of the hostages last January and provided for a return to normal relations between the United States and Iran.

In another development, Assistant U.N. Secretary-General Diego Cordovez has departed for Baghdad in an effort to win safe passage for 72 foreign merchant vessels trapped in the Shatt-al-Arab River since the outbreak of the war.

A U.N. spokesman Rudolf Stajduhar said Cordovez departed Thursday night and would return to New York before going to Iran on the second leg of his mission.



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Miners ignore union

Wildcat strikes hit U.S.

NEW YORK, March 21, (AP) — More than 11,000 coal miners ignored the pleas of union leaders and stayed off the job Friday, as wildcat strikes idled soft coal operations in at least six U.S. states in anticipation of a nationwide work stoppage by 160,000 United Mine Workers next week.

Government officials in coal-producing states girded for the nationwide work stoppage, which is considered a virtual certainty. In West Virginia, governor Jay Rockefeller estimated Friday that a strike would cost the state \$10 million a month in tax revenues with a far greater effect on the overall economy.

The wildcat, or illegal, work stoppages began after collapse of contract talks Tuesday in Washington, D.C., and continued despite pleas from some union officials for the workers to return to the mines. UMW president Sam Church said at a Washington news conference Friday that he had failed in his attempt to revive contract talks with the Bituminous Coal Operators Association, the industry's bargaining agent.

Church warned the impending strike could be a long one, appealing to the coal operators to return to the bargaining table and saying he would continue efforts aimed at a resumption of the talks. But B.R. Brown, chairman of the BOAC negotiating committee, said the industry would resume talks only "when the UMW indicates its willingness to modify its demands."

Even if an agreement were reached before

the current contract expires March 27, UMW procedures for ratification by the rank-and-file require 10 days. The UMW has a strong no-contract, no-work tradition. The most recent UMW strike two years ago lasted for a record 111 days.

PARIS, (AFP) — West German millers exported 800,000 tons of flour to the Soviet Union last year despite commitments related to the U.S. grain embargo against the USSR, authoritative French sources have alleged here, adding that it had probably been made from American grain. France wants to export some 600,000 tons of the surplus to the USSR but must win the approval of other members of the European Community.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — The Dupont chemical group has said that it is to increase its output of synthetic rubber known as hypalon in the United States and in Europe by substantial amounts because of growing world demand. The firm is to add a production unit to its plant at Maydown in Northern Ireland.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — President Ronald Reagan nominated William H. Draper III, a Republican Party fund raiser and founder of a financing firm, to be president and chairman of the Export-Import Bank.

LONDON, (AFP) — The British Petroleum (BP) oil firm has announced that it is to cut the number of officers aboard its oil tankers

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by 350 because of recession in the oil tanker industry. BP has also offered three of its five tankers for sale.

LONDON, (R) — The British government has announced financial backing of £200 million (\$456 million) for the ailing ICL company, Europe's only major computer maker.

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — Assembly plants in Belgium last year produced 929,030 cars, a drop of 14 per cent on the previous year, industry figures have showed. The Motor Industry Federation said this was due to the closure of the Citroen works at Forest and the Leyland factory at Uenette.

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For foreigners

U.K. becomes 'a tax haven'

LONDON, March 21 (AP) — It's news to most hard-up Britons, for whom beefing about their harsh taxes is a national pastime, but a report by the *Economist Weekly*'s intelligence unit has said that Britain is on the world's best tax havens — for foreigners.

"Grumbling about the level taxation has become such an entrenched part of an Englishman's heritage that the idea of living in a tax haven seems totally bizarre," the report acknowledged. The idea of wet and windy Britain, where ordinary citizens pay about one-third of their income in tax, competing with the balmy Bahamas or the Cayman Islands is hard to believe.

But the report by the respected magazine said Britain has become "a fiscal paradise," because "bountiful tax and exchange control legislation...has left all the others far behind." Changes in the law under both Labor and Conservative governments have made paying taxes at a higher rate than those of well-known tax havens such as Lichtenstein and Liberia largely a voluntary matter for companies.

The report, by economists Lance Blackstone and David Franks, lists these main factors for Britain's emergence as a tax haven: Exchange controls were removed by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government in 1979, "so that money can move in and out of the country without awkward questions being asked." This, the report noted, "is a facility which no self-respecting tax haven should be without."

Britain has the most extensive network of double taxation agreements in the world that protect companies trading in Britain and other countries paying tax twice over.

London offers a wide range of sophisticated financial services, including banking, legal and insurance expertise, plus a long-standing reputation for financial respectability and integrity matched by few other countries, particularly other tax havens "whose names smack of tax avoidance."

Some British tax laws "enable tax levels for its own residents to be kept below those in the traditional tax havens, such as Jersey (in the Channel islands) and Monte Carlo." An array of cheap government loans and services

to encourage investment in industry. Foreign-owned companies that set up British subsidiaries to channel their profits pay a tax provided their management and contrarements inside Britain.

The report estimated that there are more than 4,000 foreign companies, which do not trade in Britain, that enjoy virtual tax-free status. Blackstone cited as an example a privately owned company, managed in Jersey but incorporated in the Britain, buying pharmaceuticals in the United States and sending them to France.

The report said the basic tax rate on company profits is between 40 and 50 per cent but noted this "has become largely theoretical for most U.K. businesses, which have been able to keep their effective tax rates well below 20 per cent by the use of capital allowances and stock relief."

For example, the report noted, companies can claim back the entire cost of investment in plant and machinery in tax relief — one of the most favorable tax regimes of any industrialized nation.

A stock relief scheme means that tax is paid on "paper profits" caused by inflation increases in the value of company stock. The report listed a whole range of tax-deductible items available to companies, including company houses, yachts for entertaining overseas clients and even corral racing horses.

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Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.10	91.4
French Franc (100)	69.00	69.25	69.0
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.8
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Iraqi Dinar	—	8.25	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	33.00	33.50	33.4
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.01	—	16.3
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.58	10.54
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.28	—
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	85.00	84.6
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	72.00	71.3
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.0
Pound Sterling	7.61	7.65	7.55
Quatt Ryal (100)	—	92.25	92.3
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	160.7
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Swiss Franc (100)	178.00	179.00	178.8
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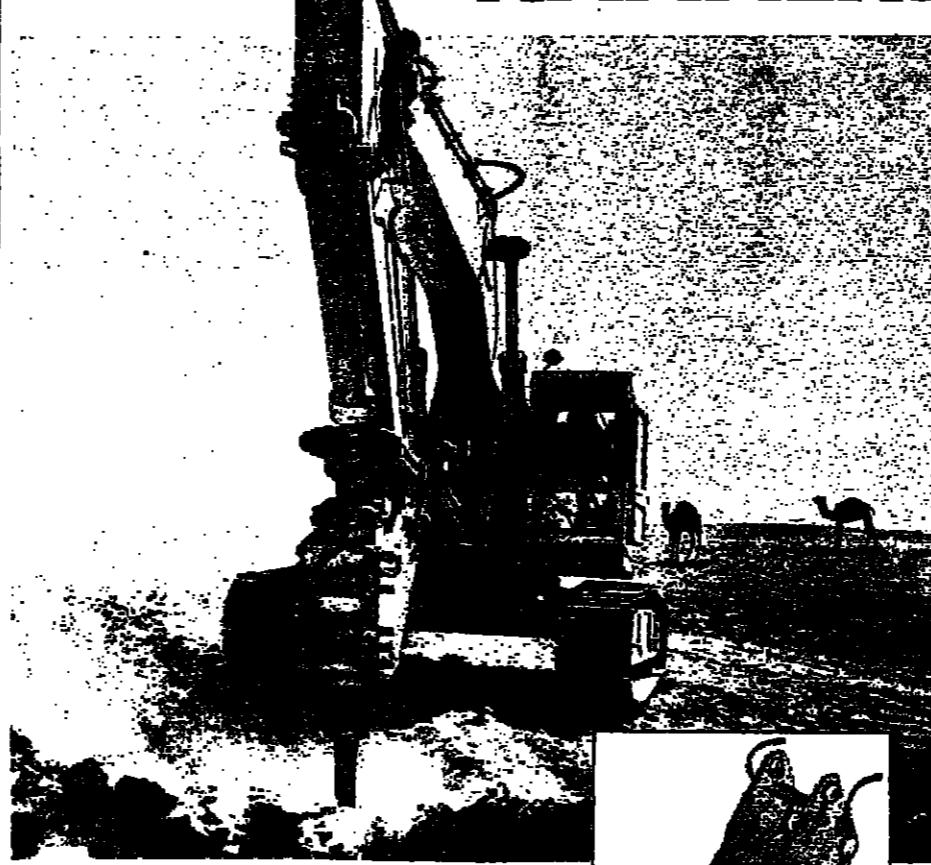
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Budget cuts first step

Reagan spells out long-term goal

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan told his longstanding conservative supporters Friday night "our time is now, our moment has arrived," and declared that his economic program is but a first step in reordering the relationship between the citizen and the United States government.

In a speech prepared for the Conservative Political Action Conference, the president said: "We are not cutting the budget simply for the sake of sounder financial management. This is only a first step toward returning power to the states and communities." Addressing his audience as "fellow conservatives," Reagan said, "we stand together, shoulder-to-shoulder, in the thickest of the fight."

"We can make government again responsive to people," said the president, "but only by cutting its size and scope, and thereby insuring that its legitimate functions are performed efficiently and justly." He recalled that he has spoken to the Conservative conference at all but two of the annual meetings.

"During our political efforts we were the subject of much indifference and often times intolerance," he recalled, adding "that is why I hope our political victory will be remembered as a generous one and our time in

Wall Street

Commodity prices remain under pressure

NEW YORK, March 21 (AP) — In less than a week, Wall Street will pass the first anniversary of one of the wildest days in its history — "Silver Thursday."

On March 27, 1980, the markets were briefly gripped by what one broker described as "classic panic" as the price of silver plummeted. The word spread that the wealthy Hunt brothers of Dallas had failed to answer a call for more than \$100 million to over their loans on silver.

Late in the afternoon, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials was down more than 25 points, at 730, its lowest level in five years, and then staged a powerful rally just before it closed to finish with only a 2.14-point loss. Silver, which had soared above \$50 an ounce less than three months before, was down to 10.80. And if the Hunts' debts could not be honored, there were fears of a disaster affecting not only their principal broker, Bache group, but the whole financial community. It turned out that kind of crisis was averted. The Hunts eventually settled up their accounts with the help of a \$1.1 billion bank loan, secured by many of their vast array of assets.

After some further weakness in early April, the stock market began a prolonged rise. The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose 7.03 in the past week, stands now 992.80, some 260 points above its low point on "Silver Thursday."

Though Bache came in for some severe criticism for its role in the affair, the company's fortunes have turned around drastically since then. This past week Prudential Insurance agreed to acquire it for \$32 a share, more than four times the price of Bache stock last March 27. But with all that has changed since a year ago, there are some marked similarities between the economic setting of that time and the current picture.

Now, as then, commodity prices have been under pressure. These is talk of an economic slowdown this year like the one that occurred

Small U.S. bank cuts prime rate to 16.5%

ST. LOUIS, Missouri, March 21 (AP) — Southwest Bank, a relatively small U.S. bank at often undercuts its bigger competitors on business rates, cuts its prime rate a full percentage point to 16.5 per cent Friday.

Most other banks are quoting a 17.5 per cent prime, although Chemical Bank in New York, the nation's sixth-largest commercial bank, cut its rate to 17 per cent Wednesday.

L.A. Long, chairman of Southwest Bank, said he cut his rate because the bank's cost of funds had dropped.

The prevailing prime rate has declined since the start of the year from a peak of 21.5 per cent, and many economists believe it will still further in coming weeks because the economy appears to be slowing and business loan demand is sluggish.

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power will be recalled for the tolerance we showed those with whom we disagreed."

Earlier, Vice President George Bush was warmly welcomed by the Conservatives, who fought him tooth-and-nail last year, and he assured them Reagan "is not going to be deterred or diverted" from their conservative political and economic course. Bush, addressing a breakfast session of the Conservative Political Action Conference, asked the group to rally around the president to help him overcome "advocates of the liberal status quo."

Conservatives bitterly opposed Bush when he was running against Reagan for the 1980 Republican presidential nomination. Many expressed outrage when Reagan subsequently chose Bush as his running mate. The annual conference is sponsored by the American Conservative Union and Young Americans for Freedom. Other groups participating include the Conservative Caucus, Fund for a Conservative Majority, Conservative Digest and groups opposed to abortion and gun control.

Normally well outside the centers of power in Washington, the Conservatives found themselves this year, at their eighth annual meeting, part of the mainstream. Leaders of

the conference repeatedly pointed out that for the first time the meeting had a president, vice president and other top administration officials on its program.

Meanwhile economists disagree with gloomy government predictions about the economy and believe the likelihood of a recession in the United States this year is receding. Most economists polled by Reuters forecast the economy will have a strong first quarter this year followed by at least six months of slow growth. But a recession was not thought probable.

Edward Yardeni of E.F. Hutton and Company said: "We have to be careful with administration statements. They have an interest in arguing for the worst. By saying the economy could sink into another recession, Congress takes the risk of being blamed if it doesn't back the administration's economic proposals."

Thursday, the government issued more figures suggesting a slowdown in the economy. Factory output fell last month and the gross national product in the final quarter of 1980 climbed less sharply than originally thought. This followed announcements Tuesday that industrial production dropped last month and new house building was down by almost a quarter.

in the second quarter of 1980. And interest rates have begun a decline that some believe could closely resemble the sharp drop of last spring. Coincidence or not, many interest-rate forecasters believe rates will duplicate their 1980 course in the months ahead.

"Over the rest of this year we expect another roller-coaster ride in interest rates —

basically down the first half, but up in the second," Arnold Moskowitz, economist at Dean Witte Reynolds, said in a recent commentary. At Goldman, Sachs and Co., economist Gary Wenglowski said: "The probability of a significant rise in interest rates in the next few months has declined, and some further rate easing is possible."

U.S. share of aircraft orders 'falling'

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP) — Congress got a series of warnings from representatives of both private industry and President Ronald Reagan's administration that United States domination of the world's aircraft industry is coming to an end.

But the Central Intelligence Agency predicted that when all kinds of exports are taken into account, the United States will increase its share this year of world trade in competition with other industrial countries.

It said the increase will be only slight, however, and due to the attractiveness of lower international prices for U.S. goods in recent years.

According to the CIA this price decline seems to have bottomed out in late 1979 and early 1980, though the effect is still being felt.

A State Department representative dated the retreat of the U.S. aircraft industry from the introduction of the Airbus, produced mainly by France, West Germany, Britain and Spain.

Harry Kopp, deputy assistant secretary for economic and business affairs, testified: "In 1976 about 90 per cent of the free world's commercial jets were U.S.-built. With the introduction of the Airbus, however, our share began to decline, and today we can claim only about 70 per cent. The outlook is for increasing competition from Airbus and others."

He said the success of the Airbus has been due not to its competitiveness, but to the advantageous financing and political support given by the European governments. It is usually sold, he said, with the help of 10-year loans at 7.9 per cent interest, terms that the U.S. Export-Import Bank can rarely match to help American producers.

North-South talks EEC outlines new strategy

BRUSSELS, March 21 (AP) — The European Commission has outlined its proposals for a new strategy in the North-South dialogue, including more aid in the fields of energy and food. But the commission said the Friday adoption of European industry was the most essential task in the coming years.

"The cost of financing the development of energy in developing countries must be shared between industrialized countries and oil countries," the executive commission said, stressing the interest of creating an oil bank at the World Bank.

The commission stressed in its new strategy that the interests of oil countries must be protected, especially by broadening their economy. The new Common Market strategy also called for continued and bigger financial aid from the North to the South. This would mean maintaining bank loans, creating new forms of aid, enlarging and improving public financing. The plan suggested more financial cooperation between industrial countries and oil countries.

The European Commission, on the other hand, said countries with food surpluses must increase their offer and protection against famine in hungry countries. The proposed food plan also calls for stabilizing world food markets, for new food agreements, for stockpiling in developing countries, for easier access of tropical products to the Common Market and for bigger and better overall free food aid scheme.

The commission called for a true industrial cooperation between the North and the South, including the use of codes of conduct. Finally, it insisted on developing mining investment, ensuring steady and profitable prices for raw materials, intensifying scientific and technical cooperation and encouraging the transformation of raw materials on the spot. The new strategy will have to be approved by the 10 Common Market countries.

tries and later in broader international forums.

The report views the restructuring of European industry as the most essential task facing the community over the next few years. It is essential that these changes should be linked to closer industrial co-operation between richer and poorer nations, and improved access into EEC markets for developing countries, the report says.

Chinese workers resort to strikes

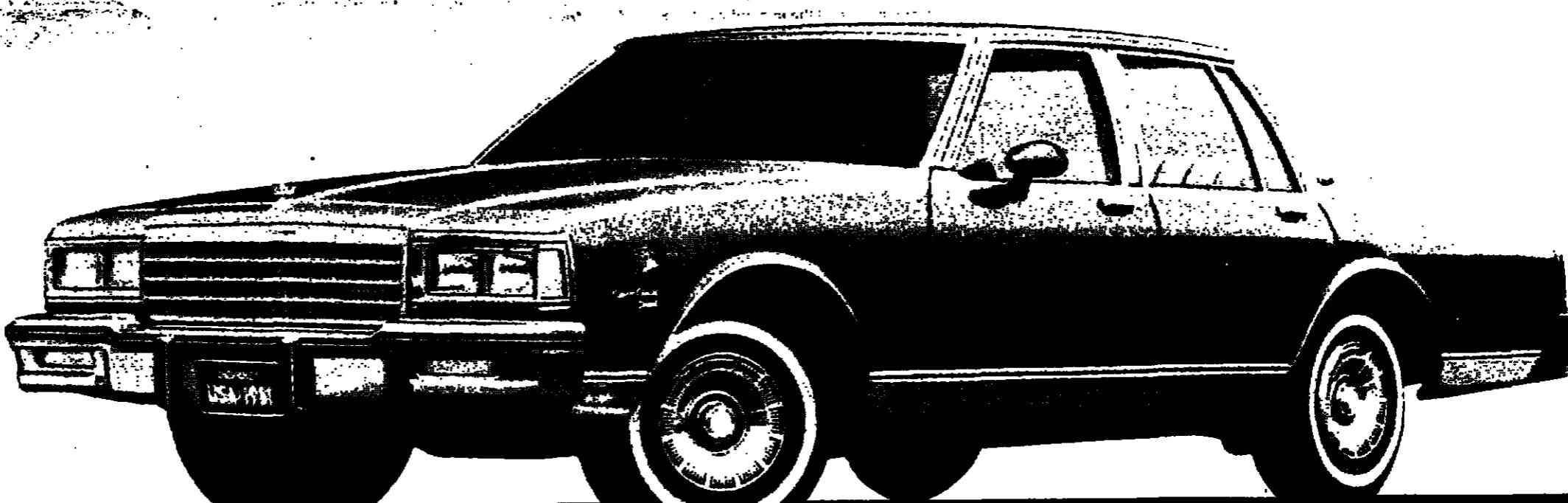
PEKING, March 21 (AFP) — Strikes broke out recently in several Chinese enterprises. Trade union officials have told a French delegation which visited five large cities, including Shanghai.

There is known to have been some social unrest in China over the last few months, but there has been no official admission of strikes. The right to strike is theoretically granted by the constitution. The French delegation, from the Socialist-leaning Democratic Labor Confederation (CFTD), left here Friday after a two-week stay as guests of the All-China Trade Union Federation.

The delegates told AFP their Chinese hosts had admitted there had been strikes by workers on China, though without giving details of how they ended or how widespread they were.

According to the delegates, Chinese officials, including trade Union Federation chairman Ni Zhihui told them plant management and trade unions had tried to settle the conflicts which led to the strikes "through discussion." The French unionists said they were also told that 38,000 of China's 400,000 enterprises had set up worker's congresses recently.

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Karmal arrests aide, sacks army leader

NEW DELHI, March 21 (Agencies) — The deputy agriculture minister of Afghanistan has been arrested and the chief of the general staff dismissed during an apparent purge of dissidents, a diplomatic source said Friday.

The source, who declined further identification, said Deputy Agriculture Minister Abdul Gaffar Lakanwal was arrested and Gen. Balajan chief of the general staff were dismissed during widespread security-tightening operations earlier this month by the Soviet-installed government of president Babrak Karmal.

The action against the two men followed rumors of anti-government plots and a purge of "unreliable elements," the source added.

It was not known whether Lakanwal and Balajan belonged to the Khalq faction of the ruling Marxist party, which opposes Karmal's dominant Parcham group.

The source said that the commander of the central garrison in Kabul, the Afghan capital, identified only as Col. Khalilullah, had played a leading role in the reported purge. Khalilullah also was reportedly appointed

first deputy defense minister as an apparent reward.

The same source also said that Soviet troops were reportedly called in to quell Afghan army mutinies at the Reshkar base, 15 kilometers south of Kabul and in Helmand province. Further details of the incidents were not available.

The source also reported continued fighting between Muslim fighters and Soviet and Afghan troops in and around Kandahar and Jalalabad cities.

In Jalalabad, eastern Afghanistan, 40 persons were reportedly killed when a bus was blown up. The fighters apparently control Kandahar, the country's second largest city with more than 200,000 residents. Kandahar is located in the south near the border with Pakistan.

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Khomeini says he is not above law

BEIRUT, March 21 (Agencies) — In a conciliatory new year's eve message, Ayatollah Khomeini agreed Friday with Iran's top prosecutor that he was not above the law and appealed to the clergy to be evenhanded and forgiving in judging disputes.

In a speech read by his son Ahmed Khomeini to a Tehran cemetery prayer service, the Ayatollah appeared to be giving prosecutor-general Ayatollah Musavi Ardabili the green light to continue his investigation of President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr's alleged role in sparking violent clashes at Tehran University March 5.

Khomeini's speech was seen as an indication of Ardabili's statement Thursday that Khomeini and Bani-Sadr were not above the law. The prosecutor is investigating the recent

Klibi meets Ethiopian fighters

TUNIS, March 21 (R) — Arab League Secretary-General Chedli Klibi has met leaders of four freedom movements fighting Ethiopia for the independence of Eritrea, Arab League sources said.

The meeting Friday followed an Arab League recommendation last July that the various movements co-ordinate their objectives better, they said. The four movements involved were the Front for Liberation of Eritrea, the Popular Front for Liberation of Eritrea, the Popular Forces for Liberation of Eritrea and the Revolutionary Committee of Popular Liberation Forces.

U.S. may deny Israel nuclear energy

CAIRO, March 21 (AP) — The United States will refuse to help Israel with nuclear energy unless the Zionist state signs the international Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, *Al-Ahram* has reported.

The authoritative Cairo daily said Egypt's energy minister had been given assurances by a U.S. delegation that the basic U.S. policy on nuclear cooperation applied to Israel. The American officials, here to negotiate an agreement to provide Egypt with two 1,000-megawatt reactors, reassured Energy Minister Maher Abaza that they had to abide by U.S. policy with all countries, *Al-Ahram* said.

The policy is based on a 1978 congressional decision to ban nuclear cooperation with any country that has failed to sign the treaty accepting periodic inspection and control of reactors.

Aegean talks fail

ANKARA, March 21 (AP) — High-ranking Greek and Turkish officials have ended their eighth round of talks aimed at solving the two countries' disputes over the Aegean Sea. No breakthroughs were reported.

In a news release, the Turkish foreign ministry said the talks between Turkish secretary-general to the foreign minister Kamuran Gurun and his Greek counterpart, St. Rousouss, were "cordial and constructive." Rousouss was in Ankara for the five days of talks which ended Friday. Before the discussions began Monday, Rousouss had said, "we are not here only to speak...but to achieve something."

A top level Greek diplomat in Ankara had predicted, however, that there would be "no progress" in the talks.

The only sign of movement came in the secretaries general's submission of recommendations to their governments for a means to solving the thorny issue of control of Aegean Sea air space.

Hungary, Iraq endorse bids to end Gulf war

BUDAPEST, March 21 (AP) — Hungary and Iraq have endorsed efforts by nonaligned nations, the Organization of Islamic Conference and the United Nations to promote an Iraqi-Iranian ceasefire. The statement favoring international peace efforts came in a communique published at the end of an official visit to Hungary by Iraqi Deputy Premier Taha Jassim Ramadan.

Ramadan conferred with Hungarian Premier Gyorgy Lázár and was received by

Torture of Iran minister alleged

AHWAZ, Iran, March 21 (R) — Iranian Oil Minister Javad Tondguyan was hit with a rifle butt, blindfolded and threatened with execution after being taken prisoner by Iraqi forces in the war, witnesses to the torture said Friday.

Tondguyan, 30, and oil ministry officials Behrooz Busheri, and Mohsen Yahyavi were taken prisoner near the refinery city of Abadan October 31. Iraq said at the time its forces had ambushed the minister in a special operation designed to capture him.

But judging from the accounts of Iranians

who were taken prisoner at the same time, the Iraqis did not realize who he was until he identified himself for fear of being killed.

Details of Tondguyan's capture were given by members of a group of 120 Iranian ethnic Arabs who told visiting reporters in the Khuzestan capital of Ahwaz they had been captured last October and released earlier this year after undergoing training in Iraq.

They said they were sent back into Iran in groups of up to 20 after promising to work against the government in Iran but surrendered to Iranian revolutionary organizations on returning.

Chad hopes Libya will pull out when asked

NDJAMENA, March 21 (R) — President Goukouni Oueddei, victor in the nine-month Chad civil war, believes that Libyan forces which were decisive in helping to end the fighting will go home when asked.

In a speech made during a recent tour of the predominantly Christian south, President Goukouni — a Muslim — said the Libyans would be asked to leave when the once-warring factions had been united into the national army.

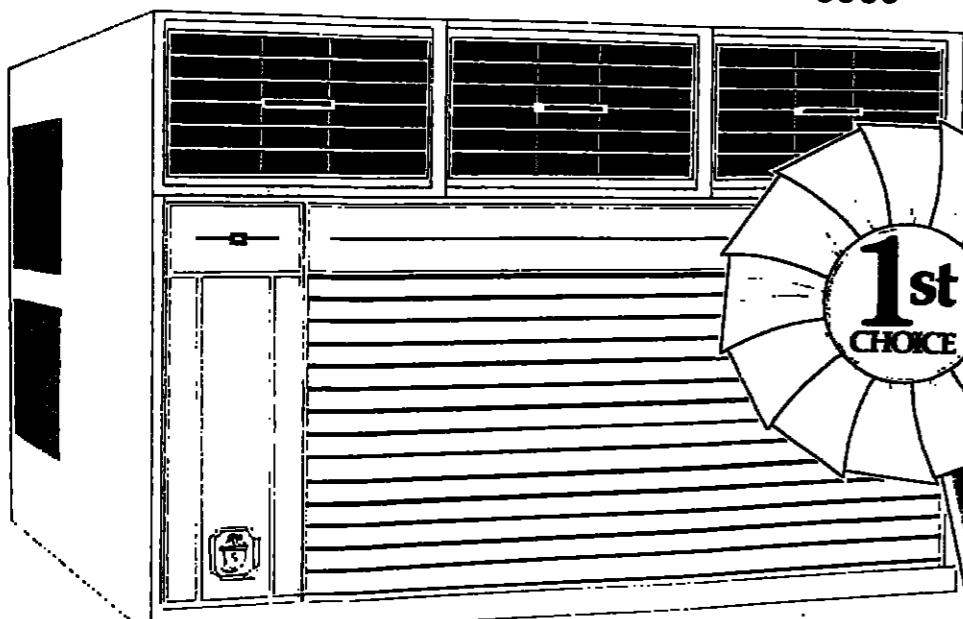
Goukouni said in his speech, according to the Chad News Agency: "The war is over. But France and Egypt threaten our frontiers. Security is relative. The state is fragile. This is why Libyan troops are inside our frontiers."

The president made his 17-day tour of the south with Vice-President Abdulkader Kamougue, leader of the southern Christians, traveling through five prefectures with a total population of 2 million.

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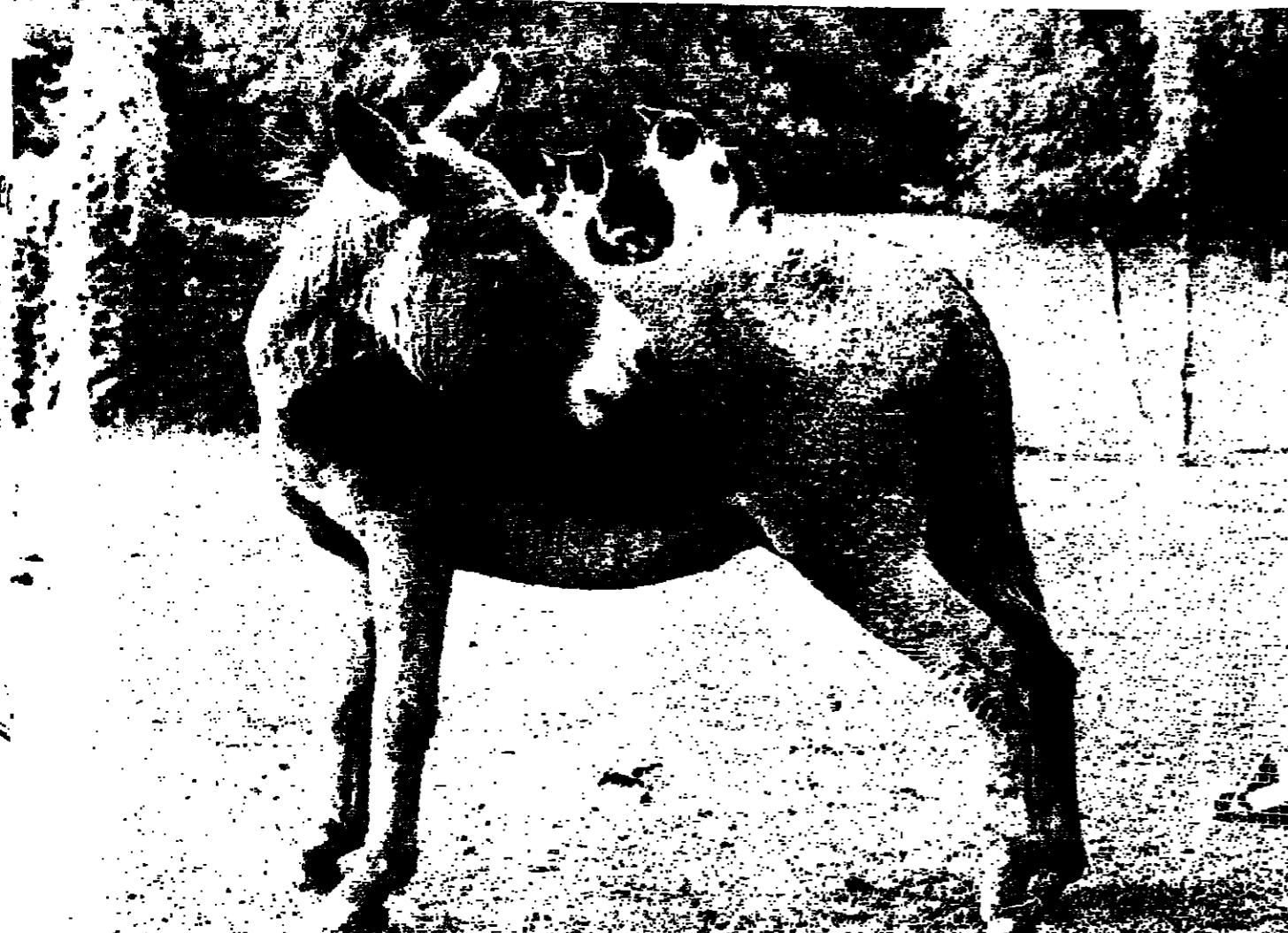
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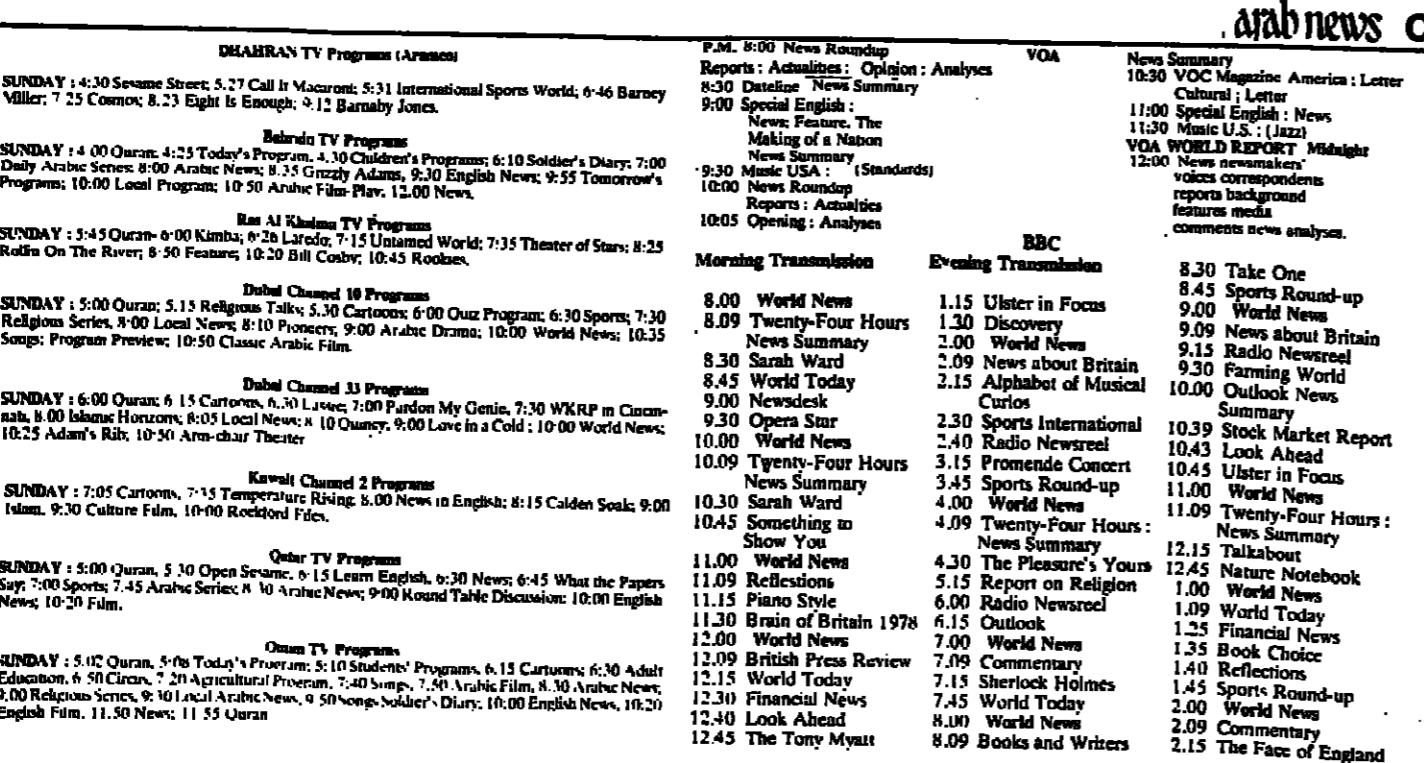
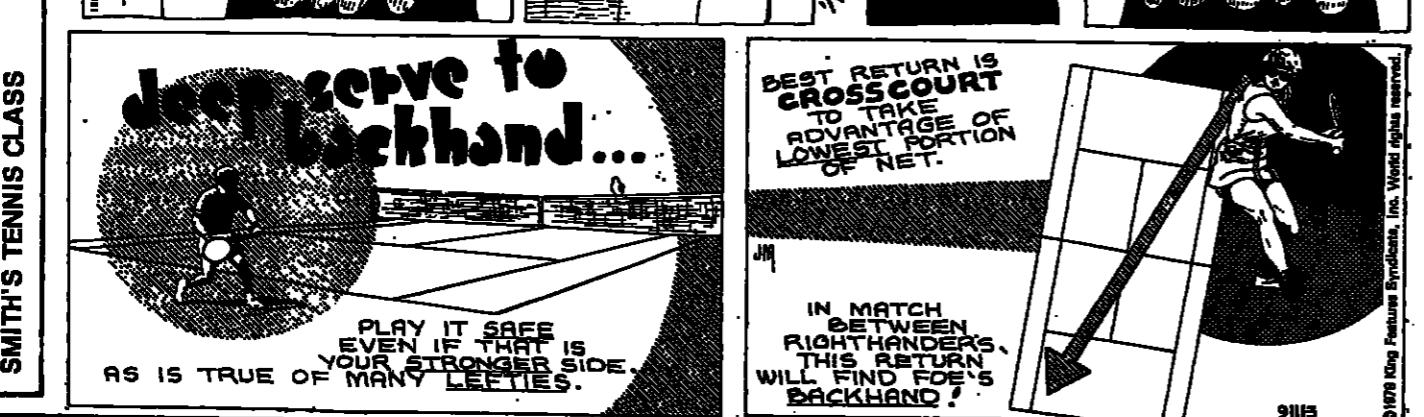
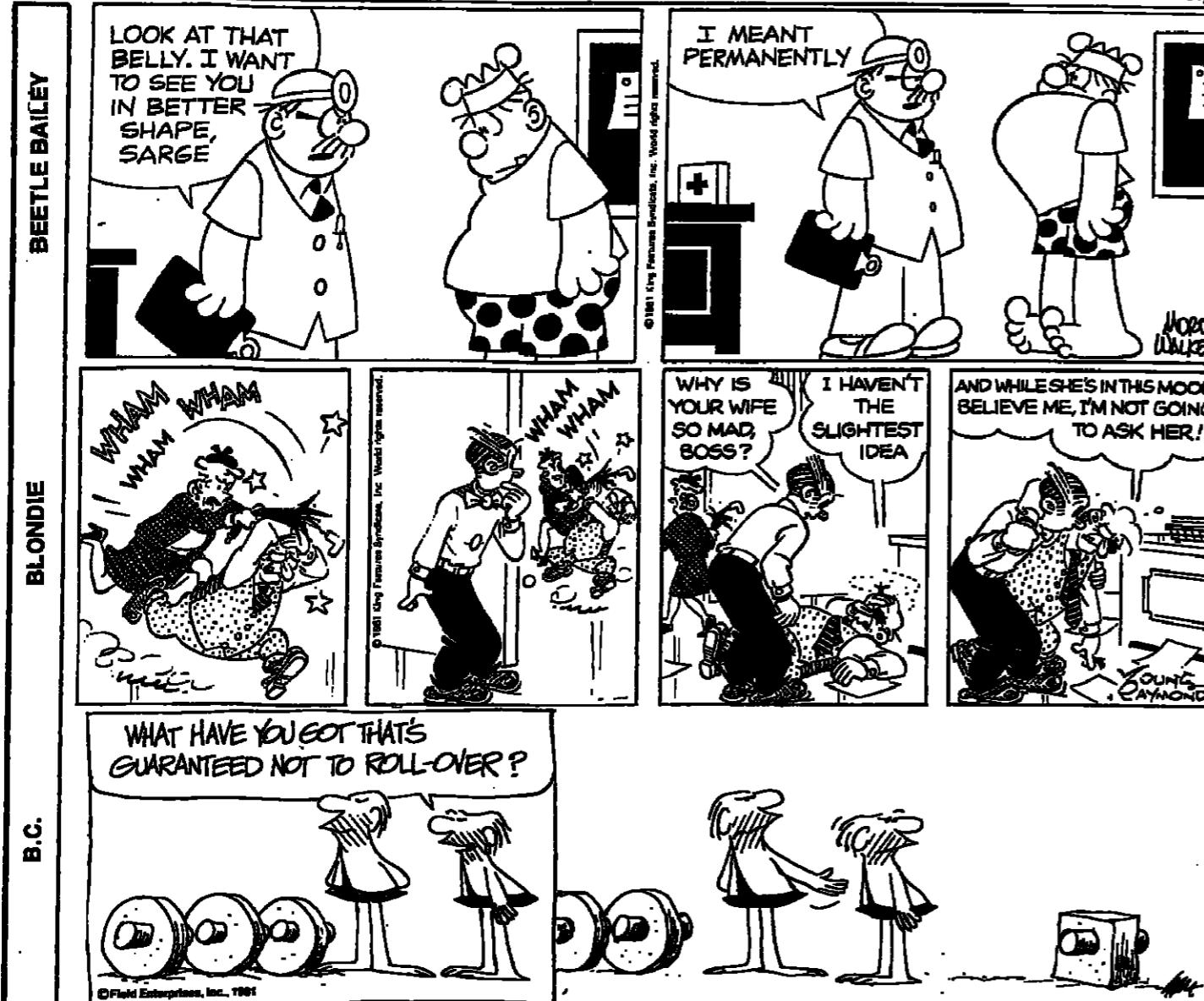
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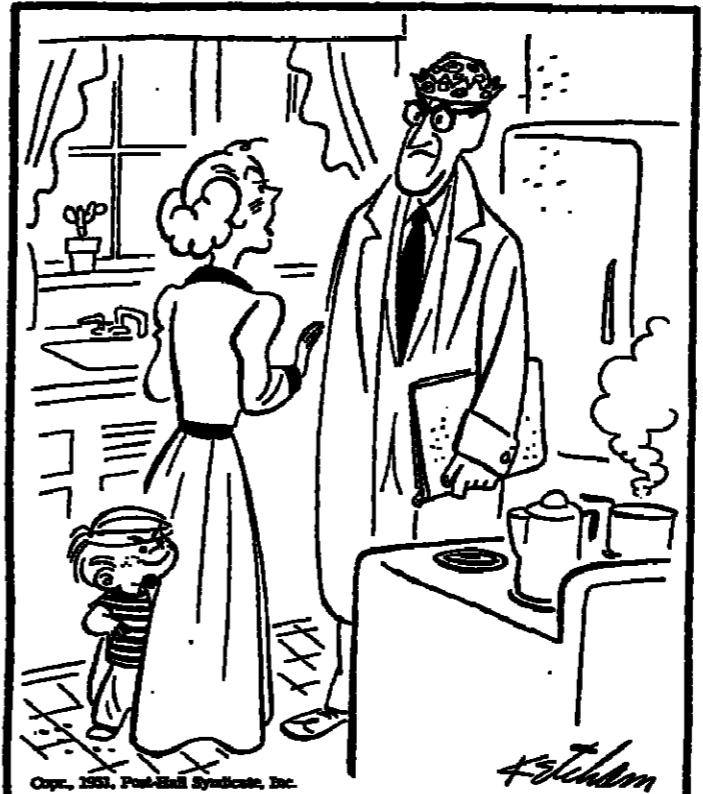
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CAPRICORN

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(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Travel is accented, but watch expedites. Don't be careless with money. Friends are helpful in business. Listen to their proposals.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Career prospects are good as long as you keep expectations realistic. Watch credit-card spending in the evening. Fulfill commitments.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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8 Uninteresting

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39 Feeble

40 Utah city

41 Hat (sl.)

42 Ford



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

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One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

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Afternoon Transmissions

Time Sunday

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20:00 News Review

22:07 Grams of Guidance

22:12 Light Music

22:15 On Islands

22:25 Pop Variety

22:30 Late News

23:10 Press Review

3:15 Light Music

3:20 Legs & Bands

3:45 Light Music

3:50 Closdown

Time Sunday

8:00 Opening

9:00 Holy Quran

9:15 World News

9:30 Sports International

10:39 Stock Market Report

11:15 Ulster in Focus

9:00 World News

9:09 News about Britain

9:15 Radio Newsreel

9:30 Farming World

10:00 Outlook News

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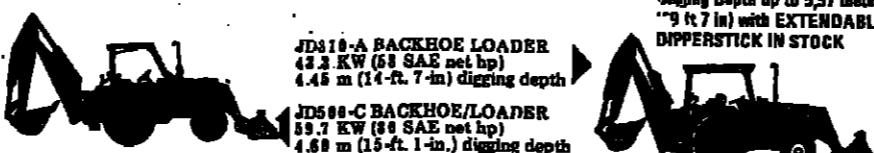
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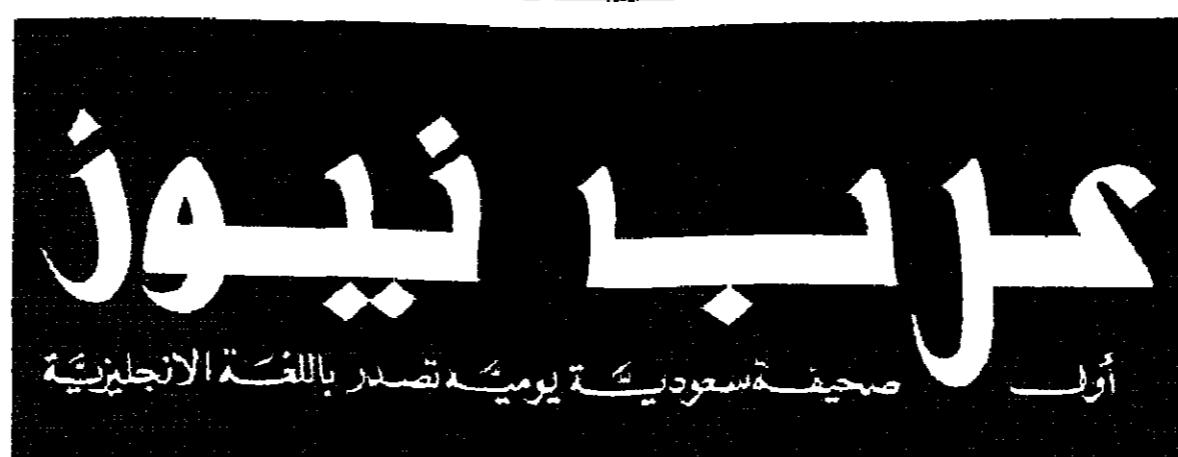
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Sixth time in two weeks

Iraqi missiles hit Ahwaz, Dezful

BEIRUT, March 21 (AP) — Iraq fired a barrage of surface-to-surface missiles into two major Iranian border cities on Saturday, wreaking havoc in residential neighborhoods during Iran's new year celebrations, Tehran radio reported.

The broadcast, monitored here, said Soviet-made Frog-7 missiles slammed at midday into Ahwaz, a city of half a million and the capital of Iran's oil province of Khuzistan, and into Khuzistan's army garrison town of Dezful, which had a pre-war population of 100,000.

"Rescue teams are trying to dig victims from the rubble in both cities," the broadcast said. "There is still no word on the casualty toll or the extent of the property damage." It was the sixth time in two weeks the two cities have been hit with Frog-7s from Iraqi positions in war-conquered western Khuzistan. Ahwaz and Dezful are 129 kms apart and each is 113 kms from the Iraqi border.

The new assault came as an Iranian counter-offensive entered its third day in Iran's war-conquered western highlands some 320 kms north of Khuzistan.

More than 75 civilians reported by Iran to have been killed in the five previous missile

assaults on the two cities, which suffered 154 civilians killed in two similar attacks last October.

The latest assault coincided with the start of week-long celebrations of the Iranian New Year. The celebrations were marked throughout the nation of 36 million by laying floral wreaths to the graves of soldiers killed in the war, which finished its sixth month on the northern flank of the Gulf on Saturday.

"I hope this year," said President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr in an address to the Iranian armed forces over Tehran Radio, "You will achieve a resounding victory that would prove this generation will not be humiliated."

In the three-day counterattack, Iran claimed it has driven invading Iraqis 8 kms back in the Kermanshah and Ilam provinces, recapturing large portions of the bluffs that control the shortest highway routes from Iran's western border to Baghdad, the Iraqi capital. Iraq claimed its forces blunted the attack in its early hours and have since been mopping up retreating enemy troops.

Iraq Friday claimed it recaptured sizeable chunks of its war-conquered western highlands on the second day of a counter-offensive mounted against invading Iraqi

forces in the foothills of the Zagros mountains. But Iraq claimed its troops and armor, backed by strafing jets, blunted the counterattack in its early hours and put the enemy to "chaotic flight with our forces hot on his trail". Military communiques announced the ongoing hill-to-hill combat as goodwill commissions from non-aligned and Islamic nations said they would undertake separate shuttles next month to try to bring the two warring neighbors to the negotiating table.

Tehran communiques claimed invading Iraqi forces were driven five miles back in the western provinces of Kerman shah and Maimak, where the bluffs of Hilaleh and Nay-Khazar were recaptured along with Nay-Khazar highway. The communiqué claimed 150 Iraqi troops were killed in "lightning assault" that wrested Hilaleh and Nay-Khazar.

Iraq claimed dozens of Iranian tanks and armored vehicles were destroyed by air strikes near the highway town of Susangerd, 32 kms into Khuzistan from the Iraqi border. Baghdad communiques claimed 465 Iranians were killed at the two major theaters of the war since the Iranian counter-offensive was announced.

In joint communique

India, Guinea urge Afghan settlement

NEW DELHI, March 21 (AP) — President Ahmed Sekou Toure of Guinea and Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi have criticized the military presence of the superpowers in the Indian Ocean and demanded a political settlement of the Afghan crisis.

A joint communique issued at the end of Toure's three-day state visit Friday said the two leaders "expressed deep concern over the escalation of great power presence and rivalry in the Indian Ocean, including, in particular, the strengthening of the Diego Garcia base."

The United States has built a major military base on the Diego Garcia island. Both America and the Soviet Union also maintain powerful naval fleets in the region. Despite the expressed wishes of the littoral and hinterland states, the great powers were intensifying their military competition with serious consequences for peace and stability in the region," the communique said.

It also regretted the suspension of talks between the United States and Russia on limitation of arms in the Indian Ocean and hoped for their early resumption. Developments in southwest Asia — a phrase fre-

quently used by Indian officials to mean the 1979 Soviet intervention in Afghanistan — threatened Third World countries, the statement said.

Toure and Mrs. Gandhi called for "a political settlement and strict respect for the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and nonaligned status of Afghanistan." They

also urged a speedy end to the Iran-Iraq war, criticized the "apartheid regime" in South Africa and demanded the eviction of Israel from "all occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories, including Jerusalem."

Toure left for the Philippines Friday after a tour of India that included visits to an agricultural university and the Taj Mahal at Agra, both in northern India.



GUERRILLAS MEET: Four guerrilla leaders, three of them hiding their faces with handkerchiefs, assemble under a tree in San Salvador Thursday.

U.S. planning intervention, Salvador leftist leader says

BEIRUT, March 21 (AP) — Shafiq Handal, secretary-general of the El Salvador Communist Party, said in newspaper interviews published here Saturday the United States was setting the stage for direct military intervention in El Salvador and Nicaragua.

"The objective of this intervention will be to push the revolutionary movement in central America and the Caribbean Sea back to the pre-70s situation," the 52-year-old Handal told the leftist Lebanese newspaper *As Safir* and the pro-Moscow Palestinian weekly *Al Horriah*.

The joint interview was conducted in Beirut after the visiting El Salvadoran leader held separate meetings with Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat and Marxist leader Nayef Hawatmeh of the Moscow-backed Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP). The DFLP issued the invitation for Handal's current visit to Lebanon.

Handal, who comes from a Palestinian origin, denied claims that leftist guerrillas in El Salvador were getting military assistance from the Soviet Union, Cuba and the PLO and Nicaragua. He charged these accusations were a "pretext to justify direct American military intervention in El Salvador and Nicaragua at the same time. Most of guerrilla arms in El Salvador, he claimed, was captured from government forces and 'hundreds' of Western reporters who visited our liberated areas will testify to that."

Handal confirmed, however, that rebel forces in El Salvador received arms shipments flown in from undisclosed countries. "But I

want to assert here that the government of Nicaragua had no knowledge of the air shipments," Handal said. "Moreover, I want to emphasize that the planes that carried the shipments belonged to our front. They did not come from, or stop in, Nicaragua."

Handal said U.S. President Ronald Reagan's administration was "creating an uproar about Nicaragua's involvement in military assistance to El Salvador guerrillas in order to justify military intervention in Nicaragua."

In this context, in their endeavors to create justifications for intervention, the Americans have issued what the white paper, which said the Soviet Union, Cuba and the PLO should bear the responsibility for what is happening in central America, Handal added. The white paper of the U.S. State Department said Handal made an arms shopping tour of East bloc countries. He is one of the five members of the supreme leadership of the leftist coalition that is conducting the current rebellion against El Salvador's rightist-controlled military government.

Handal claimed guerrilla forces have set up "fixed, permanent defense positions" in the north, center and east of the country, but admitted that the rebel military control varied from one area to another. "But at any rate, I can assure you that the military junta does not have solid control of anywhere in El Salvador, even the capital San Salvador," Handal said.

He said there is a small Arab community in El Salvador with Palestinians, numbering about 2,000, constituting the majority.



ASSESSING DAMAGE: Relief volunteers inspect damage in Dezful caused by Iraqi missile attacks recently.

Moser wins cycle race

Polish union announces warning strike Monday

WARSAW, March 21 (Agencies) — The powerful "Mazowsze" independent union chapter here, the nation's largest, threatened a warning strike for Monday in the wake of a violent clash between unionists and police in Bydgoszcz where an investigation continued Saturday.

The announcement came late Friday night despite the efforts of union leader Lech Walesa and the government to avert a major confrontation over the incident in which some two dozen unionists were beaten, three of them severely.

Walesa, in a meeting with reporters Saturday, said a general strike was "out of the question." But all 10 million Solidarity members were told to prepare for further instructions by Monday from union leaders, who declared a national strike alert Friday.

"We are doing everything to keep people quiet and calm here," they said in a news conference. "We don't want to stage any strike situation." Nevertheless, the Warsaw branch threatened to hold a two-hour warning strike at 11 a.m. Monday.

A government commission sent to Bydgoszcz Friday concluded initially that police units "behaved in a firm but not brutal manner" and said "the victims claim they were beaten up outside the hall." One of the three, hospitalized union members, Michal Bartoszcz, 68, was flown to Warsaw Friday for emergency treatment for injuries of the face, skull and ribs and showed signs of "swelling

of the brain and vascular incapacity," Warsaw Radio said.

Two others hospitalized after the incident, Jan Rulewski, 37, and Mariusz Labendowicz, 25, with head injuries, showed signs of having a concussion. Rulewski is leader of the Solidarity chapter in Bydgoszcz, and a member of the union's national presidium. Labendowicz is also a local union leader.

Although the atmosphere in Bydgoszcz seemed confused and tense according to a reporter there, there were no further incidents and normal police patrols moved through the quiet city of 350,000. Bydgoszcz is an important railway junction and industrial center some 250 kms northwest of here.

Premier Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, who called for a 90-day period of labor peace so the government could rebuild the shattered economy, said in a statement Friday that "talks and dialogue leading to an understanding are particularly necessary."

The government sent a delegation led by deputy prosecutor general Jozef Zyta to study the incident.

Meanwhile, the visiting West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher Friday stressed the importance of stable East-West relations for reform in Poland. Speaking at the end of a two-day visit to Warsaw, he added that the solution of Poland's economic problems was indispensable for stable political development.

Aftermath of Spying charges

American suspending food to Mozambique

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP) — The Reagan administration is "suspending" food assistance to Mozambique in the aftermath of spy charges brought by that nation's government against four U.S. diplomats. "Food aid to Mozambique has been temporarily suspended pending a complete review of our bilateral relations," said State Department spokesman William Dyess Friday.

Dyess said the United States has suspended plans to sell Mozambique 5 million metric tons of wheat and to provide it with 27,800 tons of corn as an outright grant. "The operative verb is suspended," Dyess said. "It has not been canceled."

Dyess was asked whether the U.S. action is

Sadat meets Prince Philip

ISMAILIA, March 21 (AP) — Prince Philip of Britain met with President Anwar Sadat Saturday between tours of the Suez Canal and related projects. The husband of Queen Elizabeth was accompanied by British Ambassador Michael Weir when he met with Sadat, but further details of the meeting in the presidential retreat here were not immediately available.

Philip's day began with a tour of the headquarters of the Suez Canal Authority, where he asked a number of questions about the operations of the control center. The nine video screens in the center and other equipment donated by the U.S. Agency for Information Development provide up-to-the-minute information on the location and movement of ships through the 101-mile-long waterway.

Meanwhile, in Ismailia, Australian Deputy Prime Minister Doug Anthony met with Sadat Saturday to discuss Middle East developments and bilateral relations. Egyptian Deputy Prime Minister Abdel-Razzak Abdel-Meguid, who attended the meeting, told reporters the talks covered wide-ranging issues including the situation in the Gulf and developments in Afghanistan.

Sadat and Anthony also discussed expanding bilateral cooperation, including Australia's assistance in land reclamation projects in Egypt and the purchase of Australian uranium.

SHAPe general named

CASTEAU, Belgium March 21 (AP) — Gen. Hans-Joachim Mack of the West German army has been appointed deputy chief of staff for plans and operations at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) here.

Gen. Mack will replace Lt. Gen. Lothar Domke, 60, who has held the post since Jan. 10, 1977, and who is scheduled to retire at the end of this month. Gen. Mack has held senior staff and command positions at SHAPE and in Bonn.

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The demonstrators were mostly supporters of former Premier Ange Patasse, who finished second to Dacko in the official election results. Dacko won with 50.2 per cent of the vote to Patasse's 38 per cent.

In a radio broadcast Friday, the president declared a state of siege. The radio also announced that the military had been given police powers to maintain order and were authorized to open fire on "troublemakers."

Patasse issued an appeal for calm and called for a meeting of all political parties in Central Africa, including Dacko's discuss the situation. Saturday morning, the streets of Bangui appeared normal, shops were open and traffic was moving smoothly. A nighttime curfew has been in effect since before the election results were announced Thursday.

BANGUI, March 21 (AP) — Calm was reported throughout the Central African Republic Saturday, a day after President David Dacko declared a state of siege because of demonstrations here and reports of looting in the provinces.

A hospital spokesman said two youths died from bullet wounds suffered during a clash between police and the more than 2,000 demonstrators who tried to march to the presidential residence to protest Dacko's victory in Sunday's presidential elections.

Police officials said the two probably were attacked by other civilians in the street. Among the estimated 80 injured, one demonstrator later had a foot amputated in the hospital. Five policemen were reported injured.

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